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AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer the questions below then find the answers in the **FIND-A-STAR** above

- 1) For which English club did Eric Cantona play for when the chant 'Ohh sahh Cantona!' was born?
- 2) What is the name of the Ajax coach who can take much of the credit for his side's victory in the Euro Cup final against AC Milan for his inspired decision to bring on two strikers as substitutes?
- 3) Who holds the record of six European Cup titles?
- 4) Who has been handed a place in next season's Eight Team Championship League after UEFA's decision to change its seeding system?
- 5) Which Argentinian has the distinction of scoring the first goal of Daniel Passarella's reign as Argentina boss?
- 6) Which soccer legend often holidays in Cuba with Fidel Castro, once remarking "I would give my life for Fidel"?
- 7) Which veteran midfielder, member of the Argentine team which won the 1986 World Cup, was one of the two players accused of preparing to accept money in the notorious Marseille match fixing case of 1992 while playing for Valenciennes? Returning from suspension he is back in business for Independiente?
- 8) Which player, this year, equalled Denis Law's FA Cup Goalscoring record?
- 9) Which English superstar is joining some of the greatest names in football in endorsing Japan's 2002 bid for the World Cup after having a huge impact in its league ending his career there with very few games but leaving a great effect on its young people and fans?
- 10) Which NSL defender is currently trialling with Germany's FC Cologne?

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STAR PROFILE No 61 Damien Vojtek

— MELBOURNE KNIGHTS —



- Date of Birth: April 27, 1975
 Birthplace: Melbourne
 Previous Clubs: Rosanna Juniors
 Position: Midfield
 Nickname: Jack
 Marital Status: Single
 Occupation: Student
 Best Aspect Of Your Game: Dribbling and attacking
 Most Difficult Opponent: Josip Skoko
 Most impressive local player: Mark Viduka
 Favourite Local Stadium: Olympic Park
 Favourite Overseas Player: Desailly (AC Milan)
 Favourite Overseas Club: Hajduk Split
 Honours: Victorian Juniors,
 Australian Olympic squad.
 Ambitions in soccer: To do well in Australia
 and then to play overseas.
 Ambitions after retiring: To be involved in soccer
 perhaps as a coach or in the media.
 Most Memorable Moment: Playing for Australia
 and scoring a goal on debut
 for the Melbourne Knights.
 Hobbies outside soccer: Tennis, golf
 Favourite Food: Pasta
 Favourite Drink: Lemonade
 Car You Drive: Ford Falcon
 Favourite TV Show: Simpsons
 Favourite Movie: Silence of the Lambs
 Favourite Actor/Actress: Samuel Jackson
 Preferred Music: Alternative
 Least Preferred Music: Country and Western
 Favourite Comedian: Andrew Marth
 Pet Hates: Bad referees
 Special Advice To Young Players: Do lots of practice
 with the ball, always have a ball with you.
 Persons You Would Most Like To Meet: Pelé

COMPILED BY ROY HAY

Hristodoulou signs for Marconi



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Eric Hristodoulou, Sydney United's central midfielder shocked the Soccer fraternity over the week-end by signing a two-year contract for neighbouring club Marconi, where he will now again link up with his previous coach and Marconi's new boss, Manfred Schaefer.

United's long-range shooting midfielder has recently been selected in David Ratcliffe's NSW squad for the coming two clashes with Queensland.

Hristodoulou was also approached by his old club Sydney Olympic during the week and it at first looked as if he would be re-joining them.

But Marconi won the race to sign Hristodoulou when last Saturday at lunchtime the giant glamour club obtained his signature.

Ironically Hristodoulou started his Soccer career with Sydney Olympic's Juniors.

He was spotted by national coach Eddie Thomson (then coach with Sydney City) when the young midfielder was in the NSW Under 16s.

Thomson enticed Hristodoulou to join Sydney City's Youth team under the vigil eye of Geoff Harcombe.



Kimon Taliadoros: Apparently not wanted by Marconi.

But when Sydney City folded, Hristodoulou followed Thomson and his assistants Mickey Hickman and Harcombe over to Sydney Olympic in 1987.

At the end of 1992 Hristodoulou was sold to Sydney United for

\$17,500 when Hickman was briefly appointed as coach there but resigned shortly after to be replaced by Schaefer.

Schaefer has always rated Hristodoulou and it was no wonder that he placed the young electrician high on his



priority list - in his endeavour to spark the rebuilding of a new Marconi side.

Schaefer is understood to also have targetted another three players, a left sided defender, a left midfielder plus a dynamic striker, all currently registered with interstate clubs.

In other news concerning Marconi, with the Compensation List due out by all NSL Clubs by 5pm this afternoon (Tuesday), at least three Marconi players are expected to be listed.

Right defender Paul Dee (\$8,000), utility defender Christian Ortiz (\$5,000) and high profiled striker Kimon Taliadoros (\$43,500) are all expected to be listed.

Taliadoros has been listed for exactly the same fee that Marconi paid two seasons back to South Melbourne.

Eric Hristodoulou: Marconi's newly signed long-range shooting central midfielder.

RATCLIFFE SNAPS UP ORLIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

David Ratcliffe, The Sydney Olympic and new NSW State coach moved fast in rebuilding his Club side by snapping up Parramatta Eagles' giant stopper Nick Orlic last week.

Ratcliffe had originally targetted to buy four new players for Sydney Olympic, including Orlic.

The high work-rate right-sided midfielder from Wollongong City, Matt Horsley, was also high on 'Ratcliffe's Wanted List' but it now looks almost certain that Horsley does not want to make the shift from Wollongong to live in Sydney.

Ratcliffe who always rated Orlic as a quiet achiever and solid defender, has also drafted the giant stopper into his NSW squad to do battle against Queensland in two matches later this month.

"I feel big Nick has been very underrated over the past couple of seasons and I firmly believe he can do a good job for me at Olympic next season," Ratcliffe stated to ABSW last night.

The 24-year-old tenacious defender began his career with Sydney United before moving to join NSW State Super League club, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

Two years ago the then coach at Parramatta Eagles, Rale Rasic, enticed Orlic to join the NSL club for the bargain fee of just

\$5,000 when Olympic at the same time had expressed no interest.

Employed as a graphic artist, the towering centre-back Orlic relishes in coming forward in all attacking dead-ball situations using his great aerial dominance to attack

the frame.

Orlic will now link up in the heart of Olympic's defence with stopper George Sorras whilst Olympic's sweeper last season, Ante Juric who was only on loan from Canberra Deakin could revert back to the ACT.



Nick Orlic: Sydney Olympic's new stopper.



David Ratcliffe: "Nick has been very underrated over the past couple of seasons."

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Please send your expression of interest to the General Manager, Newcastle Breakers Soccer Club, 104 Sandgate Road, Birmingham Gardens, NSW, 2287

All correspondence will be kept strictly confidential

Pat Clarke (F.I.C.A.)
General manager

"We want to show that soccer here isn't Mickey Mouse stuff."

Knights ready to conquer Japan



BY JUSTIN BRASIER
OF AAP

The boss of the Melbourne Knights says his national league club will do Australia proud when it plays two leading Japanese clubs on a 10-day tour of the Asian country this month.

Knights president Steve Mandekic said last week his team would surprise Japanese soccer followers when it takes on top J League clubs Jubilo Iwata and Yokohama Flugels.

"We want to beat them and show that soccer here isn't Mickey Mouse stuff," Mandekic said.

The team's 2-0 win over Adelaide City in last month's NSL grand final secured the trip, which is expected to net the club \$100,000 in match appearance fees.

Socceroos Mark Viduka and Steve Horvat have returned from Croatia for the tour which will be the first by an Australian club to Japan since St George toured there under World Cup coach Rale Rasic in 1970.



Melbourne Knights: Will be hoping to repeat these NSL grand final-winning celebrations.

The Knights will play Jubilo Iwata on June 7 and Yokohama Flugels on June 10 in games which are expected to attract full houses.

"That's something that's going to be really different for some of the fellows,

playing in front of packed stadiums," said Socceroo and Knights midfielder Danny Tiatto.

"It's a good concept, having that incentive to win the grand final and then going overseas to play against teams like this.

"It's one of the best things that's come along.

"I played against Japan for the Olyroos and I tell you what, they're really quick and skilful. It's going to be very tough."

The team will arrive home in time for Viduka, Horvat

and Tiatto to be available for three internationals against Ghana, starting at the Sydney Football Stadium on June 18.

Europe-based stars Ned Zelic, Aurelio Vidmar, Robbie Slater and Mark Bosnich are expected to return for the series while Frank Farina will play his farewell game for Australia.

"I just hope I get a call up, I would be over the moon about that," said Tiatto.

Meanwhile, Mandekic couldn't shed any light on reports that Viduka and Horvat were set to play in Croatia's first division later this year.

He said the club still hadn't received any concrete offers for the pair who had talks with top Croatian clubs Dynamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split recently while visiting relatives on a working holiday to the country.

Mandekic said the club wouldn't stand in the players' way, however, and hoped to settle their future when they return from Japan.

PENALTY CORNERS

How to solve drawn matches

ABSW reader HENRY WIZGIER has an idea on how to decide drawn matches without the dreaded penalty shoot-out or golden goal

All the great debates about how to settle a drawn football match seem to dwell on how to solve the problem AFTER normal time. The standard practice at the moment is the unsatisfactory 'penalty shoot-out' which is of course a pure lottery and is no better than tossing a coin.

There is talk about 'sudden-death' goals being introduced into the next World Cup. Which brings me to suggest a form of settling the issue DURING the 90 minutes. Supposing that as well as goals, additional POINTS were awarded to teams but, were used only in the event of a draw.

My idea is that a point be given to a team which wins a corner kick — PROVIDING THE BALL CROSSES THE GOAL-LINE WITHIN THE PENALTY BOX. These corner kicks are nearly always won as a result of pressure from the attacking side i.e. goalie tipping the ball over the bar or around the post, or a defender knocking it out for safety. These sort of actions deserve some kind of reward and would surely encourage players to have a pot at goal more often.

I am well aware of the fact that our beloved game is a religion. There is an unwritten rule that any changes in the game shall not involve re-marking the sacred pitch, that is why I advocate using the existing penalty box markings. Also, the sacred scarcity of the holy GOAL, must be preserved. Talk of POINTS in football smacks of all these bastardised oval-ball games played by English 'private' schools, northerners and ex-colonials (plus, for some mysterious reason, the French). That's okay, the points I'm referring to can easily be called 'Penalty-Corners' and would be hidden away in parentheses. Thus, we could have something like this:

WORLD CUP FINAL RESULT:

BRAZIL 0 ITALY 0

(Brazil win 2-1 on Penalty corners)

Yes, dear reader, had my system been used in USA '94, we would all have been spared that extra 30 minutes of unbearable frustration followed by eight minutes of excruciating agony. (Robbie Baggio, if no-one else, would find this interesting, I am sure). Bebeto's 16th minute shot which was deflected for a 'Penalty corner' would have received a roar from the Brazilian supporters instead of a groan of disappointment, for it would have put them 0-0 (1-0 on penalty corners) into the lead.

Get the idea? The second half would have been really set alight after Robbie Baggio's equalising 'penalty corner' in the 60th minute, after pressurising Marcio Santos into knocking the ball out. 0-0 (1-1).

In the 67th minute, an innocuous bit of dribbling by Brazilian full-back Cafu on the edge of the penalty area, resulted in Maldini giving away what turned out to be the 'winning penalty corner'. But that's not all!

Controversy in the 87th minute as Cafu's shot is deflected over the penalty-box/goal-line. The Hungarian referee gives an 'ordinary corner' to howls of protest from angry Brazilians both on and off the field. The Brazilians thus have to hang on to their (2-1) 'Penalty corner' lead.

As you may have gathered, I must be one of the few non-Brazilian's who has not only 'not recorded over' my World Cup Final video recording — but actually watched it all the way through — AND ENJOYED IT! Yes, for despite the lack of goals it wasn't a bad game and of course I wanted to test out my 'penalty-corner' theory.

In fact, this idea would not only have given us a result in normal time but, more importantly, it would have reflected the true course of the match.

I think only an Italian would deny the fact that Brazil thoroughly deserved to win that World Cup Final for, apart from the 2-1 (corner-points) result, they also hit the woodwork once, which made me think, how about also giving a 'penalty-corner' for hitting the woodwork? This would have given Brazil an overwhelming 3-1 (possibly 4-1) victory.

STOP PRESS!

Club Brugge and Socceroo sweeper Paul Okon, one of Australia's top five players, will appear at Lambert Park for the Leichhardt Tigers' home matches against Rockdale (this Saturday at 7.00pm) and Blacktown City (Monday at 3.00pm). Okon will be introduced to the crowd, sign autographs and mix with the fans.

THE NSL'S ALL-TIME OVERALL TABLE

— 1977-95 —

	496	135	65	49	426	238	99	59	89	341	317	592	(767-555)
South Melbourne	496	131	61	57	481	275	100	59	88	389	324	582	(870-599)
Adelaide City	496	122	73	53	395	216	80	60	108	314	358	537	(709-574)
Sydney Olympic	470	106	65	64	324	248	77	67	91	306	320	498	(648-568)
Heidelberg	444	104	53	65	338	284	55	68	99	248	355	439	(586-639)
Apia Leichhardt	368	79	53	51	259	201	56	49	80	199	258	372	(458-459)
Sydney City	266	87	28	18	308	128	66	36	31	211	137	370	(519-265)
St George	364	81	51	51	278	232	51	52	78	231	282	367	(509-514)
Melb Knights	302	82	28	41	254	154	62	41	48	234	208	357	(488-362)
Sydney Utd	302	76	36	37	231	167	59	42	52	178	185	348	(409-352)
Preston	342	82	44	46	274	171	37	56	77	159	244	338	(433-415)
Wollongong City	368	73	54	56	260	234	45	48	92	184	301	338	(444-535)
West Adelaide	394	82	39	77	277	262	44	47	105	198	336	338	(475-598)
Melbourne Just	342	59	49	63	214	220	39	47	85	161	273	292	(375-493)
Brisbane Lions	292	65	34	47	218	183	26	44	76	140	257	260	(358-440)
Newcastle	240	51	33	36	178	145	37	28	55	150	205	237	(328-350)
Canberra	266	44	36	53	190	186	35	31	67	144	208	225	(334-394)
Brisbane City	266	47	41	44	169	158	28	31	75	123	249	222	(292-407)
Parramatta Eagles	182	34	20	38	115	118	26	32	32	92	110	172	(207-228)
Sunshine GC	200	40	25	36	141	125	18	25	56	102	187	166	(243-312)
Melbourne SC	172	39	20	27	112	104	23	17	46	85	138	161	(197-242)
Blacktown	180	29	22	39	127	143	22	17	51	94	182	141	(221-235)
Brisbane Strikers	102	25	10	16	90	69	6	15	30	35	87	87	(125-156)
Morwell Falcons	76	13	14	11	52	46	13	11	14	49	64	77	(101-110)
Newcastle Brkrs	78	12	15	12	55	52	10	9	20	41	63	68	(96-115)
Western Subs	52	11	9	6	46	30	9	4	13	33	44	53	(79-74)
Green Gully	72	8	11	16	37	43	9	7	21	37	60	52	(74-103)
Penrith	50	6	6	12	28	36	6	10	10	25	39	40	(53-75)
Inter Monaro	44	6	7	9	24	37	4	4	14	22	43	31	(46-80)
Mooroolbark	26	2	5	6	17	24	3	0	10	14	37	15	(31-61)
Wollongong Mac	26	3	5	5	12	18	0	4	9	11	35	15	(23-53)
Canterbury	22	1	6	4	13	16	1	1	9	4	25	11	(17-41)

Legend: League matches only taken into account (NSL Cup, NSL finals, NSL Top 4 series not included).

Two points awarded for a win, one for a draw. Adelaide City, Marconi, South Melbourne are the only clubs to have participated every season since formation in 1977.

Australia v Ghana

Thomson welcomes giant headaches



EDDIE THOMSON: Has a giant, but pleasant, selection headache.



NED ZELIC: Free-back from Borussia Dortmund and available.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON, Australia's national coach faces a giant headache when he sits down early this week to finalise his list of all players he will call into a training camp next Monday in preparation for the three matches against the touring Ghanaians.

Australia's opening match against the mobile Africans will be in Sydney on June 18th followed by the second in Adelaide on the 21st with the final clash set down in Perth three days later.

Thomson's great dilemma will be not who to select, but which players to leave out as almost all of Australia's "foreign legionnaires" will be back here during the European off-season.

And all of them have already expressed great keenness to be selected by Thomson for the matches against Ghana.

Outstanding giant goalkeepers, Mark Bosnich and Mark Schwarzer together with experienced defenders such as Jason Van Blerk, Ned Zelic, Andrew Bernal, Paul Okon, and Craig Moore want to play against Ghana.

In the midfield department, Thomson will also have

available Graham Arnold, Robbie Slater and Aurelio Vidmar.

For Australia's attack-line Thomson has Alistair Edwards, John Aloisi, Stuart Lovell, Carl Veart and Frank Farina challenging the local lads.

Farina especially will almost certainly be included in Thomson's first line-up for the Sydney match in what will be Farina's last match for Australia before retiring from the international arena.

Compounding Thomson's headache is how do you leave out guys like the towering World Cup efficient centre-back duo of Alex Tobin and Milan Ivanovic?

However, Thomson would never contemplate such a ludicrous thought and will be expected to name Tobin and Ivanovic in the squad.

From the local national players, Thomson is expected to insert in his squad that will go into camp next Monday at the Novotel at Brighton Le Sands to include the following players: Zeljko Kalac, Steve Horvat, Stan Lazaridis, Tony Vidmar, Tony Popovic, Tobin and Ivanovic, Paul Wade, John Markovski as well as Marconi's Steve Corica.

Thomson was surprised to learn that Popovic has returned to Sydney without

scoring a contract in his recent trials with German first division side FC Cologne.

Thomson stated last night: "Don't you worry about Popovic supposedly failing in the trials with Cologne."

"Popovic for a big lad is a

wonderfully talented and skilled player and can easily play in any league in the world.

"While big Tony is always free of injuries, he will always be one of the first players I would pick in my squad."

Not since the 1993 two

World Cup qualifiers against eventual USA '94 qualifiers Argentina, has Thomson had the opportunity to field a full strength Australian side.

Tickets for all three matches are on sale from this week (see back page).



CARL VEART: Pacey striker, wants to play.



AURELIO VIDMAR: Midfield-maestro very keen to play.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

Australia heading for Argentina

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Eddie Thomson's World Cup team has been invited by the Argentine F.A. (AFA) to play a full international in Buenos Aires at the end of this month.

At a special and hurriedly arranged press conference yesterday (Monday) afternoon held at the Australian Soccer Federation's offices at Rockdale, ASF chief David Hill disclosed the A.F.A.'s invitation to Australia.

The reason for this hastily

arranged international between the two countries is to open the new stadium that has just been completed in Buenos Aires. Australia's World Cup coach was elated as well as honoured at hearing the news.

Thomson stated yesterday (Monday) to ABSW "This is nothing short of being a great honour extended to our national team."

"This is something that would not have happened five years ago."

"The Argentines vividly remember our last game there in the World Cup qualifier which they narrowly won 1-0

only through an own goal," reflected Thomson.

Thomson went on to add: "The Argies want us as a decent sparring partner in their final preparation before their national team goes to Uruguay for the Copa America."

"That means they will field a full strength side against us that will include people such as Redondo, Batistuta and Balbo."

"At this stage I intend to take most of the Australian based national players but I will be taking as well Paul Okon, Ned Zelic and definitely

Robbie Slater who was a big hit with the Argentine fans," ended an elated Thomson.

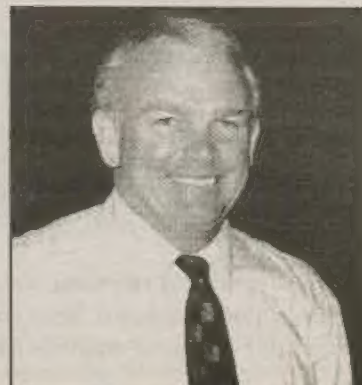
In other news released yesterday (Monday) by David Hill: —

a) The NSL next season will be extended into three rounds

b) The ASF wants to establish a full STATE OF ORIGIN series involving all states

c) Sixteen international matches for our national team will be scheduled, 12 to be played at home

David Hill (right).



Letters to the Editor

Have your say on any soccer issue in the world. Preference will be given to short letters. Include daytime phone number for verification.



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PRESTON — NO WAY!

Dear Sir,
How silly! Preston Lions applying to get back into the NSL. These guys are ethnic through and through. Even some of their ex-players such as John Markovski like to demonstrate that in public.

Eddie Thomson is calling for more games to be played and an 18 team or 16 team professional NSL would produce a 34 round or 30 round season plus the finals.

This is great! Off-seasons are already too long in Australia as we twiddle our thumbs and start talking about cricket as if we actually care about the game.

So, if the NSL is to be increased it should

be with Canberra and Perth as the ASF is committed to do as well as the Newcastle Breakers.

Blacktown City would be welcome as they are too true representative team of the local community — a team that is much needed in Sydney.

And if such a team exists in Melbourne they should also be elevated to a higher level.

Natalija Krsticevic. You are a blight on Australian soccer with your ideas and I think you should go back to your beloved home country with your narrow-mindedness.

Mark Taylor,
Gymea, NSW.

HAVE YOUR SAY...NOW

Dear Sir,

Below is a copy of our 'Fan Survey' which we (Studs Up fanzine) are distributing to our subscribers, readers, and as many fans as possible. The response to this initiative has been extremely positive.

The results are being collated and will be forwarded to the ASF on a regular basis. I am hopeful that you will find space in your publication to print the survey questions and urge readers to respond as soon as possible.

Here is a great opportunity for the fans to have an input.

Kevin Christopher,
Editor, Studs Up fanzine
Victoria

'STUDS UP' Fan Survey

All the questions should be answered in five words or less and the results mailed as soon as possible to:

'Studs Up' — P.O. Box 53,

Oakleigh South, Victoria, 3167

Revealing your name and address is not compulsory, but would be appreciated. The results will be compiled and passed on to the ASF in due course.

- 1.a) How many teams should be in the National League? _____
b) How many league matches per season should they play? _____
c) How many teams should contest the finals series? _____
2. How should drawn league matches be decided?
a) Penalty shoot-out
b) Sudden-death extra-time
c) Normal extra-time
d) Result left as a draw
e) Other (please state) _____
3. Are admission prices too high for:
a) NSL games?
b) Internationals?
4. Is fan behaviour a consideration when attending NSL matches? _____
5. How do you keep up to date with upcoming events? _____
6. Is the SBS coverage/presentation of the NSL good enough to attract new fans? _____
7. Which national/club teams would you like to see tour Australia? _____
8. Is Australian soccer too 'Sydney-based'? _____
9. Should Australia abandon Oceania and compete in Asia? _____
10. Is the standard of refereeing in the NSL high enough? _____

Please feel free to add any further comments

THE PEOPLE'S GAME

Dear Sir,

The People's Game. I think I got a clearer insight into the meaning of this term when I attended the Australia -v- West Ham game. As I listened to the repertoire of songs and jibes of a particularly well credentialed Londoner I realised how poorly we compare to those people who take a football team to their heart and use the weekly contest as a reason for a social gathering.

The songs and detailed knowledge of player, club, manager and town quirks and traits is a public airing of their shared interest as a community. The game itself with the tension that comes with a low scoring contest, with a heavy emphasis on presence of mind and subtle skills gives glorious focus to the social gathering.

This gathering of the clan, so to speak, has taken years to build its customs and practices in stark contrast to say the American way of trying to achieve the same end using overt promotion and gimmickry.

In Australia we sort of stand nowhere in particular. Our crowds are inhibited because not everyone is full bore about a club whose focus is its migrant origin. Time has diluted the intensity because the support base has changed as the migrants have been here for ages. The belief is still good but just like the West Ham supporter who had trouble getting the crowd to share his intensity there's a certain self consciousness about getting wound up in someone else's guise.

If we want to get this game doing the job in Australia it does in so many other countries and avoid the dreaded American hoop-la then clubs have to disinhibit the lovers of this game by making themselves truly part of the whole community.

Tony Muscat,
Lugarno, NSW.



Super League— Union, League, NOW SOCCER

Dear Sir,

With all this talk about proposed Super Leagues in the other Football codes (Rugby and Australian Rules), why doesn't the Australian Soccer Federation approach News Limited or whoever is involved about a Super League of Soccer here in Australia.

A 16 to 18 team Super League of soccer would be great for our beloved game and it could be the right way to go if Soccer is to have a Professional league here in Australia. If you look at the leagues in Italy, Spain and England for example, their leagues have no less than 18 teams in their respective first divisions, and look how good their teams are. If they can do it why can't we.

The proposed Super league of Soccer would have teams from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and possibly Tasmania. The season would go from late September through to May and includes a three week mid-season break. The fixtures would also include midweek fixtures or rounds.

Clubs which I believe should be in this league are all the teams in the current National Soccer league except Heidelberg, if relegated at end of current NSL season, and will include Canberra, Preston Lions, Perth Kangaroos and Darwin Cubs, who play in the Singapore League. All clubs would have to drop their ethnic names and adopt a nickname, example: South Melbourne can adopt the nickname Lakers because their home ground is next to Albert Park Lake.

I believe with good promotion, this Super League of Soccer will get more recognition and it will encourage more juniors to stay here in Australia and establish themselves here before going overseas to try their luck.

Robert Veleski,
Thomastown, Victoria.

MATIC IS THE MAN

Dear Sir,

First, thank you for an interesting weekly paper. I look forward to reading it each week.



Zoran Matic

The May 9 issue included the story concerning the retirement of Zoran Matic as Adelaide City coach. It was reported he is to pursue his business career. Zoran, you are needed by your adopted country to get Australia to the next World Cup!

With the reorganisation of the ASF administration it would be an apt time to appoint new coaches for all three of our national soccer teams. Eddie Thomson and particularly Les Scheinflug have helped the Senior and Young Socceroos achieve moderate success at National level. However, Australia has still not qualified for the World Cup since 1974, despite having players that can match the superb skills of their South American, African and European counterparts. It is time for a new direction and fresh approach to our quest for glory.

Despite some improvement, there is still a lack of belief in our players' ability and that was never more evident than in the

recent World Youth Cup. The Young Socceroos had the physical ability to win the Tournament but lost the mental fight. By that, I do not mean less of determination, that is an Aussie characteristic. I mean, a belief by Australian players that they are not as good as players from other countries. A coach that has motivational skills is what is needed here.

Zoran for the Socceroos May 26th, 1995.

Frank Arok, probably our best ever National Coach, was recently reported by Mike Petersen as being a master motivator. Look at the achievements of South Melbourne this year! Due to Frank's inspirational qualities and tactical skills, South Melbourne's poor performance at the start of the year was turned around. However, Frank has had his turn as National Coach, Zoran has not.

If Australia is to qualify for the 1998 World Cup, then the Socceroos are going to need another master motivator like Frank Arok. Zoran Matic is the right man for the job! ASF don't delay, appoint him now, while he does not have any other coaching commitments!

Laurence Montgomery,
Woronora Heights, NSW

EMBLEMS OF CONFUSION

Dear Sir,

I don't know why Leon Keramaris (30.5.95) had to mention his Greek background if he is such a proud Australian.



Leon has not seen the South Melbourne, Heidelberg and West Adelaide soccer emblems which all have the Greek flag on them.

He has never been at a soccer match where they yell out Hellas, Hellas (Greece).

Where has Leon been?

I don't know why Leon even bothers following soccer when he doesn't know much about it. He shouldn't be so quick to judge the Croatian community, after all with only two NSL clubs they have produced more talented players than the Greeks ever will.

Tony Viscontti,
Drummoyne, NSW.

Where do we belong?

Dear Sir,

You will probably say, oh no not another letter about ethnicity. Well if there are a lot of people concerned whether overt ethnic manifestations are a cause for non-ethnic persons to alienate themselves from soccer well then clearly there has got to be time to take stock.

Even when I see that ethnic people with Greek parentage are offended by these overt behaviours then surely these nationalistic demonstrations will have to stop.

I think it is as easy as that. That is if these soccer fans want it for the good of the game here in Australia. I don't think there is anybody begrudging anyone if he/she originally came from another country and still follows that countries' progress in soccer terms or even supports it. But as long as it is not of POLITICAL origin or motivation, which is apparently not tolerated by other Australians (also those of non British background).

Knowing this why should people still persist with this (nationalistic political) conduct? Again this argument is not about logic, or whether ethnicity is right or wrong in soccer, it is what obviously most people want or don't want for that matter—NO political manifestations in football.

My nephew told me that all during high school and until his early 30s he played soccer, yet all of his Anglo mates, all supported league more.

Part of the reasons given were, because they did not identify with the "foreign domination" of the sport, a sense of not belonging there. I am sure a lot of people have a similar story to tell. So let's refrain from those elements that cause a large population of cringe.

Perhaps it is then that people from varied nationalistic backgrounds will support soccer and "Anglos" won't call it a wog's game anymore.

Gerry van Duuren
UWS, Westmead

What about Spain?

Dear Sir,

I have been buying and reading your weekly paper since its inception and believe it to be most informative and a pioneer in Australia.

I have only one complaint and it stems from being a supporter of the Spanish game and most of all "Real Madrid".

Very little exposure is given compared to say Italian and South American Football. The Spanish League is probably second only to the Italian League in respect to prestige. Is there a reason?

I would love to hear other readers views on this matter.

John Galera, Melbourne.

"I am aware of Olympic's past performances"

Female lawyer the new general manager

BY ALFRED HIATT

Five years ago the odds of Sydney Olympic appointing a 31-year-old female lawyer as the club's general manager would have been astronomical.

But the glamour club, known for its rapid-fire sacking of

coaches and constant player discontent, has done just that.

Lydia Dowse, a self-confessed "armchair specialist" when it comes to soccer, was announced last week as the full-time general manager at Olympic.

She replaces former club stalwart, Gary Meier.

Her top priority is to bring in

sponsorship dollars, but her brief also demands that she promote the club, liaise with the media, work out contracts with players and coaches, and generally introduce professionalism to a club which so often makes the headlines for the wrong reasons.

Dowse, for seven years a solicitor with high-profile firm Gadens Ridgeway, says she has no illusions about Olympic's turbulent history.

"I am aware of Olympic's past performances," Dowse told ABSW.

"But the club genuinely want to change that situation — and they have to in order to stay in the league.

"I am certainly committed to doing things professionally and properly."

Dowse was recommended to Olympic by Steve Thompson, a lecturer in Sports Management at the University of Technology, Sydney.

She is currently studying for a Masters degree in Sports Management at the UTS, and has done sports-related work as a solicitor.

Her love of the game, plus a desire to work in sports management, persuaded Dowse to put her legal career on hold, and take the job at Olympic.

"I'm giving up a lot, but I'm also gaining a lot," she said.

"The game is changing under David Hill's direction, and I'm looking forward to something new and exciting.

"The ASF will demand things are done properly. [Olympic] must go on board, or miss the



boat."

If only it were that simple.

Olympic are infamous for their instability, having used six coaches over the past three seasons.

Threats of strikes by players owed back wages have also contributed to the turmoil at the club.

And the recent NSL season even saw Olympic's fanatical supporters desert Leichhardt Oval.

Despite these obstacles, Dowse is undaunted by the task ahead of her.

She believes the first priority is to treat the general public professionally.

From now on, Olympic will be promoted as open and accessible to its fans.

"To give the board credit," she says, "they have taken the opportunity to project a new image to the outside world, and that is a progressive way to go about things.

"What they've done is to fall in line with what David Hill is doing.

"Because I'm not typical of what's come before me," she adds, in probably the understatement of the year.



Lydia Dowse: New full-time general manager at Olympic.

Mariani - to add steel to Wolves

BY ALFRED HIATT

Berti Mariani took charge of Wollongong City last week with a promise to make the Wolves one of the better sides in the National League.

Former Marconi and Sydney Olympic coach Mariani faces the tricky task of stepping into the boots of David Ratcliffe, the Wollongong boss since 1989.

But Mariani says he feels no pressure at following Ratcliffe, and believes radical changes to the Wolves' playing style are not needed.

"Wollongong played a very different style last season," said Mariani.

"They scored some great goals, and played attacking football. If anything, their defence was a little bit more lax than usual."

Mariani has plans to return the steel to the Wolves' once feared backline.

However, he faces a battle to retain Wollongong's top Kiwi striker, Vaughan Coveny, while Olyroo striker Adrian Cervinski will probably return to the



Melbourne Knights.

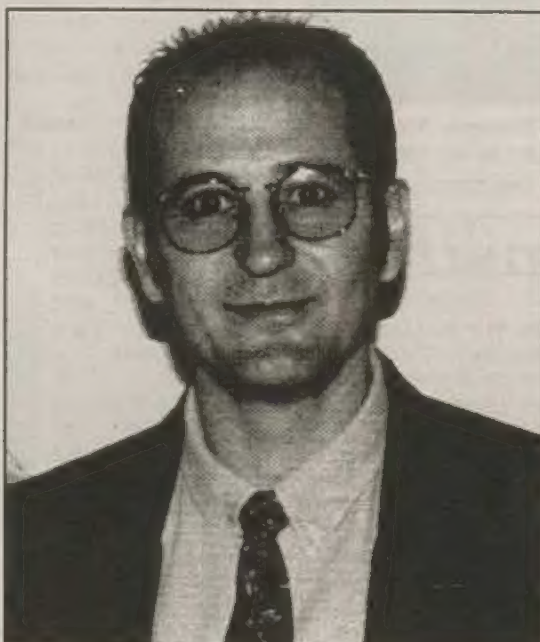
"I'll be attempting to retain all of last season's squad," said Mariani.

"Vaughan Coveny will be the hardest player to hang on to, but Robert Middleby has signed with the club.

"Wollongong doesn't have a lot of money to splash around, but it does give a lot of opportunities to players."

Mariani, who had to beat off the challenge of ex-Socceroo captain John Kosmina to land the Wollongong job, admits he needed to return to NSL action.

After Sydney Olympic sacked him last year in controversial circumstances, Mariani sat out the 1994/95 season and gained his level



Berti Mariani: "I'll be attempting to retain all of last season's squad."

three coaching certificate.

"I've always believed in my abilities as a coach, but the position at Wollongong fell into my plans perfectly.

"After two full seasons off, a coach can lose touch," says Mariani.

Until Marconi opted for

Manfred Schaefer, Mariani was favourite to take over at the club he played for, and coached to back-to-back championships in 1988 and 1989.

However, Mariani says the public has not been told the full story about the

Marconi job.

"What people ended up hearing was not the exact case," maintains the two-time NSL Coach of the Year.

"I was approached by a couple of people to apply. So it was disappointing, after being approached, not to get the job.

"But I've been at Marconi and I understand how it goes. I've always said next season at Marconi would be difficult for whoever got the job."

Back at Wollongong, Mariani will be in familiar territory.

The Wolves have created a new position of Manager/Coach, similar to the jobs filled by Mariani at Marconi and Olympic.

He will have responsibility for marketing and development, on top of his coaching responsibilities.

"The club is in a transition phase at the moment. It is possible to combine the two positions as a short-term situation," said Mariani.

"When the club has got the resources it will have one person as manager and one as coach."

Lazaridis lands overseas offers

BY JEREMY WILSHIRE OF AAP

Exciting Socceroo winger Stan Lazaridis is weighing up his future after receiving two international offers within 24 hours, including an invite to trial for English Premier League club West Ham United.

Lazaridis starred against the Hammers for Western Australia earlier last month and was last week contacted by the club's manager Harry Redknapp, asking him to attend pre-season training on July 10.

The other offer (via facsimile) came from Greek club Aris Salonika which last year had a \$400,000 deal knocked back by Lazaridis' club, West Adelaide.

The 22-year-old, presently on loan to his old WA club Floreat Athena, was hopeful of striking up a deal with either overseas club and hinted of a fee approaching \$500,000.

"I'll be spending a couple of weeks at West Ham in July and if all goes well we can work out a deal," Lazaridis said.

"They indicated they needed a left-sided player and hopefully I can fit the bill.



Harry Redknapp

"They don't really go out of their way to sign overseas players unless they are keen on someone so hopefully it will work out.

"But the clubs still have to come to an agreement — that's all yet to be worked out but I suppose you might be looking at

something around the half million dollar mark."

Although Lazaridis said his main ambition had



Stan Lazaridis

always been to play in the English league he did not rule out the Aris deal, claiming his Greek heritage could aid in negotiations and visa requirements.

If either offer was accepted by West Adelaide, it would place Lazaridis in the upper echelon of overseas deals in this country, below the \$600,000 transfers landed by Sydney Olympic's Ned Zelic and Adelaide City's Carl Veart.

The pacey winger has played 11 full internationals for the Socceroos after making his debut against Kuwait in Singapore in 1993.

He sparked a number of attacking raids in the match in Perth against West Ham (which WA won in a penalty shoot-out) and produced another impressive display when the State beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 last weekend.

"West Ham wanted me to train with them after the match against WA but I pulled up a little sore and decided to rest my ankle for the match against Forest so they could see me play against quality opposition again," Lazaridis said.

After three productive seasons with West Adelaide, he now wants to move overseas and is hopeful of smooth negotiations.

"I just don't want these clubs to eventually say I'm too expensive and start looking for someone else," Lazaridis said.

"As long as I'm transferred to a club I'm happy with, I'm not too worried about the final figure.

"I owe a lot to the people of West Adelaide — they have looked after me very well — so I hope the club is given an offer which satisfies them."

Scores apply for ASF positions

BY TED SIMMONS
OF AAP

Overseas and Australia-wide applications have swamped the Australian Soccer Federation in response to calls for four new senior positions.

ASF chairman David Hill said last week the new positions were part of the planned re-structure of the Federation following the report by former justice Donald Stewart.

The new posts will be the chief executive officer, high performance team manager, national marketing manager and national coaching and development manager.

"There has been a very good field for all positions and we've had some very good applicants," said Hill.

"In fact, we're still having some difficulty in narrowing the fields to a manageable level but we plan to hold interviews over the next week or ten days.

"It's hoped to announce the four successful candidates within 10 days to two weeks."

Hill said applications had been received from inside and outside the sport and



David Hill: "We've had some very good applicants".

came from a very good cross-section of people with a wide range of experience.

Under the new structure, the chief executive officer will take over the running of the ASF with former executive Ian Holmes moving to general secretary.

The high performance manager will have duties which include co-ordinating and managing the coaching, training and competition programs of the four national teams.

Amongst those duties will be organising overseas camps, liaising with international officials, co-ordinating the development of high performance athletes and organising on a day to day basis matters relating to the national teams.

"I think any number of the people who have applied could do well in any of the positions and it's a very good field,"

continued to England and Europe to begin discussions on an international program.

"I spoke to FIFA president Dr Joao Havelange and obtained a pledge from him and the English FA to get assistance in lining up games," he said.

"We have also made arrangements with agents to provide first class teams such as England, Germany, Italy and others and these negotiations are also in progress.

"It is our hope that we will be able to hold an international series in Australia in January and June of each year."

The first internationals under the new system will be held in June when Ghana, ranked 27th in the world, holds a three match series against Australia, ranked 48th in the current standings.

Hill said he was still finding his way after two months as soccer's leader but believed he was making great progress.

He said he was pleased with the support coming from the soccer and general community and was looking to further significant decisions and progress.

said Hill.

He also announced that national coaches Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug will probably be approached next week to confirm their appointments for the 1998 World Cup campaign.

The ASF had previously been reluctant to take any action pending the result of the Senate inquiry into soccer and had refused to implement the Stewart recommendations to sack the two coaches until the Senate inquiry had been completed.

Hill had appealed to the Senate committee to conclude its inquiry as soon as possible and said after being elected chairman that he had read the Stewart report and, on the evidence, the conclusions had done unreasonable damage to both coaches.

After watching the Australians in Qatar in the recent World Under 20 championships, Hill



Eddie Thomson: Wanted by David Hill for the 1998 World Cup campaign.

Queensland overlook NSL stars

Queensland coach Juan Cutillas has overlooked Brisbane Strikers veteran Alan Hunter and two of his NSL team-mates Chris Slater and young Chay Hews for the State of Origin series with New South Wales.

All three were considered short of match fitness for the opening game of the interstate series against New South Wales at Brisbane's Perry Park on June 17.

Keeper Graham Ross is the only Brisbane Striker in Cutillas' 17-player state squad.

In all, Cutillas has made five changes to his squad which narrowly failed to win the Muldoon Trophy against New Zealand last month.

Apart from Hunter, Slater and Hews, striker Lee Scriggins will also miss the opening Origin encounter because of work commitments in England.

Into the squad comes

QUEENSLAND'S SQUAD IS:

Michael Brockwell, Fraser Cuba (North Star)
Warren Cooley, Mark Greer, Mark Battistin, Damien Waugh (Brisbane City)
Clint Dal Santo, Craig Collins, Darren Hillier (Rosedale Rovers)
Andrew Brayshaw, Brenley Jefford, Stephen Starr (Taringa Rovers)
Stein Grodum (Easts)
Danny Cox (North Brisbane)
Brian MacNicol (Heidelberg)
Graham Ross (Brisbane Strikers)
John Koch (Parramatta Eagles)

pacey forward Michael Brockwell along with his North Star team-mate Fraser Cuba who has been handed his first state jumper.

Brisbane's City's leading goal scorer Warren Cooley is in the 17 along with NSL players Brian MacNicol (Heidelberg) and John Koch (Parramatta Eagles) while Brisbane City defender Mark Greer returns after being forced to miss the Muldoon

series because of work commitments.

As usual Cutillas is confident about the outcome on the interstate series.

"I'm not scared of New South Wales," said Cutillas. "We put practically a local rep side up against them last year and beat them."

"I have so much faith in my players. What they lack in NSL experience they make up for in courage and determination."

Abbas Saad denies match fixing allegations

An Australian soccer star told a Singapore court last week he rejected a team-mate's offer of money in exchange for helping Singapore win matches last year.

"I've never fixed any matches," Lebanese-born Abbas Saad (below), 27, said in his first testimony at his trial.

Saad has been charged with conspiracy to fix some of last year's Malaysian League soccer matches.

Defence lawyer

Edmond Pereira probed Saad about his conversations in March of last year with Czech footballer and former team-mate Michal Vana.

Vana fled Singapore during his trial for corruption. He did not enter any plea and, according to press reports, is now in Prague.

Saad said he was not present at Vana's March 1994 meeting with a bookmaker. But he said that Vana later that night offered him \$15,000-20,000 (about same \$A) per match if Saad scored as many

goals as possible to help Singapore win.

"He did offer me \$15,000-\$20,000, which I rejected straight away."

Saad said he was surprised by the offer.

"When he offered me the money I said, hang on, I'm not interested," Saad said. "You're the one with the problem."

He said Vana was having financial troubles.

Saad said he agreed to score as many goals as possible, but not necessarily to help

Vana. "That's my job, to go out there and do my best. That's why I was signed."

Vana refused to tell Saad who was offering the money, he said.

"I presumed he was betting on Singapore to win. That's why he was asking me to go out there and do my best for the team... (But) I'm not going to tell him, 'no, I won't do well for Singapore'."

But Abbas said that during July of 1994, he asked Vana to lend him some money.

"I asked him for a loan, and that's it. It was just a personal loan," he said.

The loan request was unrelated to their earlier conversations about match-fixing, said Saad.

The Premier League and Malaysia Cup matches make up the Malaysian League.

Saad scored three goals to help Singapore win the Malaysia Cup last December after a 14-year drought.

In February Singapore announced it was pulling out of the Malaysian League after 70 years to develop its own competition.



Canberra's NSL war intensifies

BY ALFRED HIATT

The war over the identity of Canberra's team in the NSL should intensify this week, with the Australian Soccer Federation set to visit the nation's capital to sort out the rivalry between Canberra Cosmos and Canberra Deakin.

The Cosmos, supported by the ACT Federation, have already been admitted to next season's National League.

But, amid claims that the Cosmos are on the brink of collapse, Deakin have launched a rival bid to join the NSL.

"We've been left in the dark," says Deakin president, Tony Pretezzina, about the Cosmos.

"They were supposed to appoint a coach, and that's been postponed."

"They are also looking to get a lot of players from our club."

Deakin insist they just want a fair hearing from the ASF.



However, it is clear there is near anarchy within the Canberra soccer scene.

The animosity between Deakin and the ACT Federation goes back to 1992, when the Federation did not back Deakin's bid to join the NSL, under the Canberra Metros banner.

Late last year, the Federation sat and watched as the NSW Federation dumped

Deakin from the NSW State League.

Subsequently, the ACT Federation dumped Deakin and 14 other clubs from the Canberra League — only to reinstate them later.

Recently a majority of Canberra League clubs moved a motion of no confidence in the Federation.

Deakin spokesman, Dennis Glavinic says Deakin — and not the Federation-backed Cosmos — is the logical club to represent Canberra in the NSL.

"We're worried that if the Cosmos go ahead in the NSL and then fold, then that'll be it for Canberra forever," he said.

Should Deakin be admitted to the National League, they are likely to play at Bruce Stadium, and will look to appoint Australian Women's team coach Tom Sermanni.

ACT Federation president Barry Neame could not be contacted by ABSW for comment.

ASIAN SOCCER

What can Australia learn?

SPECIAL FEATURE
BY STEVE DARBY

If you had asked even the most ardent soccer supporter in Australia only five years ago to name a Japanese soccer team you might have got answers such as Tokyo, Hyundai or Seiko.

Now it is different, for in the last three years there has been an ever-increasing number of Japanese teams that have come to Australia in either pre-season or in their unique mid-season break.

The J-League is played in two separate mini seasons and the winner of each mini season plays off in the Japanese equivalent of the Grand Final. This double break allows the national teams at all levels to play prestigious international fixtures such as the recent challenge match against Australia or their own prestigious tournament, the Kirin Cup.

The idea of J-League teams coming to Australia started with Grampus Eight who trained in Tasmania in 1993. Of course, the big attraction for that visit was the appearance of England international Gary Lineker.

David Smith, General Manager of Soccer Tasmania, and one of the masterminds behind this early visit said: "It was a tremendous boost for soccer in Tasmania and it gave our elite players an opportunity to play against international professionals. Also it got soccer on TV and on the back page of Tasmanian newspapers — something that is normally impossible here. The local economy also benefited by the massive influx of players, staff and journalists. In total over 200 people came on the visit and, of course, Tasmania was beamed back to potential tourists in Japan. We will welcome back Japanese teams any day, they



were certainly great ambassadors for the game."

Grampus Eight returned again in 1994, this time with a Gary Lineker plus Dragan Stojkovic, the Yugoslavian superstar, as well as coach Gordon Milne, the ex Liverpool and England star. Other teams have played and trained in other centres throughout Australia and some very strong relationships are being formed.

Recently teams such as Gamba Osaka, JEF United, Flugels, FC Pulse, Sanfrece and Jubilo Iwata (including 1990 Italian World Cup star, Toto Schillaci) have also used our facilities for their pre-season preparations.

These visits have great potential for the Australian game. The chance for our elite players to play against Japanese professionals (and the reality is that our players have compared very favourably) and to play against world class stars. Even if some of these players are in their decline it is still a great honour for any player to say that he has marked Lineker, or kept Schillaci goal-less — there is nothing wrong with playing against a star whose photograph you had pinned up on your bedroom wall. In the case of Stojkovic it was a delight to watch him play and he certainly did things on the pitch that any player would have been in awe of.

There is also the benefit for local coaches to watch international coaches in action. Wim Jansen, the star of the 1978 Holland World Cup team, was coach of Sanfrece and a number

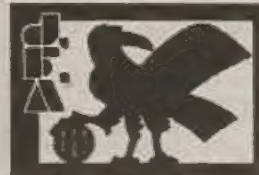


Gary Lineker: The first foreigner to lead the way to Japan.

of local coaches watched his sessions which were based on the Dutch FA method. Gamba Osaka visited Canberra with their coach, Sigi Held, who won a World Cup runners-up medal in 1966 with West Germany and also played in the 1970 winning side.

Another major benefit for the local game is to observe the professionalism of the clubs. Admittedly the J-League clubs were backed by corporate giants such as Yamaha or Mazda, but they invest their wealth wisely in capital equipment which

is all geared towards optimum performance for the playing and coaching staff. An example of their administrative professionalism was Tusuneo Ito, the International Manager of Sanfrece Hiroshima, who takes care of all the preparation for coach



Wim Jansen. Beside being fluent in English he also had an encyclopaedic knowledge of world soccer. When he was in Australia he took every opportunity to examine every aspect of our game with the intention of applying what he found useful to his own club. He was an example of a true professional who was prepared to continue developing his own knowledge.

This continuing friendly relationship with J-League clubs has paid off and a formal relationship between the two national associations has developed with international matches being played at youth, female and senior level. Also, a National Club Super Challenge is being planned for the winners of each national league, which will be a great boost for the winners of our own NSL.

Obviously Asia is not just Japan and the NSW Soccer Federation has also developed strong relationships with the Korean FA and has played a number of matches against their Korean equivalents. Also, forward thinking by the Soccer NSW

administration has led to many overseas teams using the excellent NSW complex at Parklea on the western outskirts of Sydney.

Peter Gray, President of Soccer NSW and one of the forerunners for Asian relationships, is very supportive of Asian developments. "Soccer NSW is delighted with our strong relationship with Korea," he said. "It has developed over a number of years and is built on mutual trust and respect. We have had a number of tremendous games against the Korean Industrial League representative team (State League parity) and we are negotiating with both North and South Korean soccer authorities with a view to a four-way home and away tournament.

"That is another way in which soccer can cement relationships and overcome political barriers. We will also be sending a representative to Asia to further publicise our Parklea complex, as all the feedback we have had is that the complex is exactly what Asian teams want, both in facilities and the attention to details such as diet that our staff can give. In an economic sense the 'import' dollars earned from this venture are ploughed back into the facility which in turn means that the facilities will be further improved for the benefit of our own young players."

There is no doubt that the relationship between Australia and Asia will continue to strengthen and that both sides will benefit in a multitude of ways. Who knows, in 2005 a fixture list may read Marconi v Sanfrece, Jubilo Iwata v Adelaide City, South Melbourne v Selangor etc.

The potential of bigger crowds and corporate dollars will mean that we can keep many of our Australian stars in the country and give them the status that they deserve.



World Cup star 'Toto' Schillaci: Recently in Australia pictured with team-mates before his club Jubilo Iwata took on Marconi. Jubilo won 3-1 with 'Toto' netting twice.

Shark attack on Premier League

BY GREG BLAKE

Few Premier League sagas have been more compelling than the rise and rise of glamour club Port Melbourne.

In the history of the league only one story rivals the romance of Port's rise to power.

That was written back in 1992, when Branko Culina's North Geelong hit the finals at first attempt after promotion and capped a record-breaking year by demolishing the Melbourne Zebras in the grand final.

The upstart Sharks went within 90 minutes of repeating the feat last year after a memorable frolic through the elimination rout, only to stumble against mighty Preston on the biggest day of the year.

However, unlike North Geelong since '92, there has been no gradual fall from grace by the Sharks.

In '95 the boys from the bay are back, bigger and bolder than before. Takis Svigos' boys are undefeated 15 games into the season and 10 points clear at the top of the ladder.

A play-off repeat is certain, with grand final success a decided possibility, and even the club is a little stunned at the progression.

"This year has been a bit of a shock," admits vice president Phil Diamitaris, one of Port's vibrant administration team.

"But, the way things have gone we expect to win the league and we believe we'll probably play Bulleen in the grand final."

The Sharks boast a remarkable 27-13-5 record in a little over one and a half seasons at this level, and there is no sign that bubble is even close to bursting for a Greek-backed club which is fast becoming the third most supported in the state, behind South Melbourne and Heidelberg.



Port Melbourne coach Takis Svigos.

"We set out four years ago to be the third best Greek-supported club in Victoria, and we're within a step of being second best," says the Port vice president.

"We're number one in the

state competition and let's say that Heidelberg folded, well we'd be there."

Just to show they meant business Port was even audacious enough to apply for the NSL.

"(The application) was to show that we are ambitious and if we go for it again at least they'll know us," Diamitaris explained.

Ironically, Port Melbourne was only into the formative stages of its rise to power when North Geelong hit the league like a whirlwind in '92.

The bayside club had always had a reputation for producing top of the range players, without ever having made an impact as a club.

As the revival took shape it was that very production line to have produced the likes of Joe Palatsides, Mehmet Durakovic, Peter Tsolakis, Terry Rizopoulos, Andrew Zinni, Peter Psarros and Michael Michalakopoulos which became the marketing tool of the club.

"We'd always had players coming out of the club and there was always NSL coaches coming to the ground to watch us," explained Diamitaris.

"We started to sell ourselves on the basis that we could give players the chance to put themselves in the shop window.

"We couldn't make any promises, and the truth is that even now most of our boys are amongst the worst paid in the league.

"It sounds corny, but they play for the jumper.

"We've always been confident at the quality of players we have attracted to the club.

"Now we've got a great mix of young, hungry players, many of peripheral NSL standard and all keen to do well."

In the past three seasons Port Melbourne has been promoted from division two as runner-up, promoted from Division One as runner-up and then finished runner-up first time in at Premier League level.

"Three seasons in a row, so I reckon it must be our turn to win," says Diamitaris.

Redsox ready to deliver

There's a real touch of Bullwinkle Moose about Albion.

"This time for sure," says the cartoon favourite as he once again tries and fails in his quest to pull a rabbit from the hat.

No Premier League team has promised as much times and delivered as little as the Redsox have in recent years.

Five coaches have swung through the revolving door as previous administrations have floundered and Selwyn Park teams boasting unlimited potential have flopped when it counted.

In 1995 coach John Dowie agrees that potential is the best word to describe the Albion side of recent years.

"I've been well aware of the potential," says the former NSL defender who spent a short stint as a player

at Selwyn Park.

"But I genuinely believe that it's a different story this year.

"Let's put it this way, if we get to the finals I reckon we're a chance.

"This year all the players are finally performing to potential."

Dowie's opinion of the '95 Albion team is not exclusively from in house.

Several rival coaches have acknowledged the impressive form of 'Sox this term.

"They are very hard to beat and they've got some players capable of destroying anyone," said one.

I hope Dowie understands that whilst the impression to date is a positive one, no team has ridden the roller-coaster more than Albion in recent years.

A finals berth looks a fair

bet at this stage, but the home and away race has proved to be a long one for the Redsox since returning to the Premier League.

For the past three years there have been quite distinctive turning points in each campaign, and the contrasts have been dramatic.

In 1992 Albion went 1 win, 2 draws and 6 losses to start the year and finished off with a 12-1-4 record from the last 17 games (finished seventh).

The following season the trend was reversed, the Redsox, starting with a 6-7-1 record to round 14 before blowing the play-offs with 3-3-6 to round off the campaign (finished seventh).

Last year it revived from 1-7-8 to finish off 5-2-4 (finished eleventh). On that basis Albion's 1995 collapse is high, although Dowie believes the Jekyll and Hyde efforts are a thing of the past.

"You can never be 100 percent sure, I know," he admitted.

"But if we steer clear of injury and suspension problems that (collapse) just won't happen.

"There is only so much that a coach can do, but we're lucky that we've got guys in the squad who really want to play in the finals this



Goalkeeper Robert Brian has been inspirational for Albion in '95.

year.

"I'm really happy with the squad, especially guys like Robert Brian, Mark Wilson and John Grimaud.

"This guys have just been super consistent and everyone else has followed their lead."

Dowie says he's relishing his first Premier League coaching job.

"I'm enjoying it because I've got good players," he explained.

"And the club has been terrific, with a far more professional attitude this year.

"They've given me 100 percent support and hopefully the reward will be getting Albion into the finals."

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

STATE ONE

FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE ROUND 12

Norihcote City* v Frankston Pines

SATURDAY, 10TH JUNE

Westgate v Caulfield City
Richmond v Br'meadows City
Knox City v Croydon City
Thomastown Devils v Bentleigh Greens
Lalor United v Clarinda
Oakleigh v Western Suburbs

STATE TWO

SATURDAY, 10TH JUNE ROUND 12

Ringwood City v Altona East
Regent Bulla v Bell Park
Moorabbin City v Altona City
Waverley City v Chelsea
Nunawading City v Ess. Brun. Royals
Spr. White Eagles v East Richmond
Clifton Hill* v Mooroolbark

STATE THREE

SATURDAY, 10TH JUNE ROUND 12

Sandringham City v Pascoe Vale
Banyule v Sunbury Utd
Seaford Utd v Keilor Eagles
Sth Dandenong v Sth Werribee
Frankston v Sth Caulfield
Westvale v Elr Dia Valley
Melbourne City v Fitzroy City

STATE FOUR

SATURDAY, 10TH JUNE ROUND 12

Monbulk v Langwarrin
Stonnington v Yarraville
Sth Wantirna v Doveton
Sth Springvale v Corio
Nth Coburg Utd v Cranbourne
Geelong v Brighton
Williamstown v Sunshine Heights

PROVISIONAL ONE

SATURDAY, 10TH JUNE ROUND 12

Heidelberg City v Glenroy
Moreland City v Nth Sunshine
Lalor v Dandenong
Mircham Utd v Knox Park
Melton v Ballarat
Geel. Rangers v Brandon Park
Old Scotch v Spring. Condors

PORVISIONAL TWO

SATURDAY, 10TH JUNE ROUND 12

Hoppers Cr'sing v Hampion Pk Utd
Lyndale Utd v Brunswick City
Keysborough v Braeside Utd
Meadow Park v East Nun. Eagles
Monash Uni. v Berwick City
Mornington v Broadmeadows Utd
Nth Glenroy v South Yarra

PROVISIONAL THREE

NORTH WEST

SUNDAY, 11TH JUNE ROUND 8

West Preston v Upfield
Whitesea Utd v Mill Park
Darebin v Sydenham Park
Diamond Valley v Sunshine Park
Keon Park v Northern Utd
Latrobe Uni v Nth Reservoir

PROVISIONAL THREE

STH/EAST/CENTRAL

SUNDAY, 11TH JUNE ROUND 8

Wav. Wanderers v Thornbury
Ivanhoe Utd v Endeavour Hills
Cam. Gram. Old Boys v Flem. Falcons
Collingwood City v RMIT
East Kew v Oakleigh Utd
Wantirna v Nth Caulfield



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VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

BOX HILL 0 DONCASTER 0

BY DWYGH TUFFNELL

Honours were even in the clash of the cellar dwellers at Wembley Park on Friday night.

In a game neither side could afford to draw, both Box Hill and Doncaster looked too frightened to lose the all important game.

The home side had the best of a dull encounter in which Rovers rarely threatened to score.

Inter had three good chances in the first half with Gary Frezzini, Steve Gusic and Adam Inglese not being able to find the target.

Alan Roodhouse, Box Hill's leading scorer, was surprisingly played in midfield by coach Rob Buffalo for the first half.

Roodhouse was switched back to his customary position for the second period but along with his team mates could not find a goal to give them the precious three points, and a place outside the relegation zone.

INTER: Baker, Pansino, Mazzini, Dal Ben, Castro, Gusic, Inglese (A.Tartaglia), Guglielmi, A. Roodhouse, Filipovic (I.Roodhouse), Frezzini.

ROVERS: Clarke, Wallace, Hennessey, Healey, Peel, McBride, McGeachey, Greenwood, O'Donnell, Haloulos (Haikalis), Risteovski.

REFEREE: Wayne Dade
VOTES: 3 - Greenwood (DR); 2 - Guglielmi (BH); 1 - Castro (BH)

FAWKNER 1 ST ALBANS 2

BY JOHN RIGAS

A sterling performance by St Albans Saints defender Paul Juric inspired his

team to a fighting win against an insipid Fawknor Blues at C. B Smith Reserve on Saturday.

Lively striker Ivan Kelic had an impact on the scoreboard as early as in the fifth minute when a poor clearance by Fawknor skipper Tony Schipano fell to Kelic who volleyed his shot past goalkeeper Eric Janssen from the edge of area.

The Saints looked more energetic when they went on the attack with burning striker Tom Pondeljak causing all sorts of headaches for the Blues defence, his hard work finally paid off four minutes before the interval.

Pondeljak powered his shot towards goal only see his effort blocked by Janssen, the striker then pounced onto the loose ball to score past a sea of legs. The Blues scored a consolation goal in the 69th minute when a Jim Goulis header found the back of the net from close range. Moments later St. Albans were awarded a penalty for a foul on Kelic, utility Zeljko Gagula took the spotkick only to see his effort well saved by a busy Janssen.

BLUES: Janssen, Crivari (Goulis), Banini, Schipano, Basias (Gasparini), Bordignon, Recchia, Minichello, Retre, Gnjidic. SAINTS: Acevski, Juric, Rados, Babic, M. Colina, Jolic, Pondeljak, Milanovic, Kelic, Gagula, Movric (Kirishian) REFEREE: Andrew Stacey
VOTES: 3 - Juric (STA); 2 - Bordignon (FB); 1 - Pondeljak (STA)

WERRIBEE 0 ALTONA 1

BY NINO NAPOLI

John Markovski returned to Altona Magic for the clash with the Werribee

Premier League LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PORT MELBOURNE	16	13	3	0	36	9	42
ALTONA MAGIC	16	10	2	4	25	18	32
BULLEEN LIONS	16	6	6	4	18	15	24
ALBION REDSOX	16	7	3	6	16	21	24
SUNSHINE GEORGIES	15	6	5	4	20	15	23
ST ALBANS SAINTS	16	6	4	6	23	17	22
FAWKNER BLUES	16	6	3	7	14	19	21
GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS	16	5	5	6	18	18	20
NTH GEELONG WARRIORS	15	5	4	6	18	15	19
PRESTON LIONS	16	4	6	6	18	20	18
SPRINGVALE CITY VALES	15	4	4	7	17	28	16
WERRIBEE BEES	15	3	5	7	17	25	14
BOX HILL INTER	16	3	4	9	12	20	13
DONCASTER ROVERS	16	2	6	8	10	22	12

TOP SCORERS

12 V Trpcovski (Altona M)	D. White (Bulleen)
8 G. Svigos (Port Melb.)	6 D. Gnjidic (Fawknor)
N.Tsalas (Port Melb.)	T. Calle (Springvale)
7 J. Suric (Werribee)	S. Becvinovski (Preston)
D. Genovesi (G. Gully)	T. Rizopoulos (Pt Melb.)
T.Pondeljak (St Albans)	

Bees which the away side took out 1-0.

Markovski made an appearance as a second half substitute and had a hand in the only goal of the game on 77 minutes.

Nick Georgeopoulos, looking suspiciously offside latched onto a loose ball in which Markovski used his physical strength to get the ball free.

The Magic looked good early on and the league's leading scorer Vasko Trpcovski hit a post in the seventh minute. The turning point of the match came in the 72nd minute when Bees star Jack Androutidakis was sent off for upending Altona's Chris Emsosovski.

Bees coach Charlie Egan is happy that his side is playing well enough. "If we play like we did today every week and get a few of our injured players back we will win a number of games." Egan said after the game.

BEES: Giatas, Napoli, Gilmour, Vallese, Carraro, Inserra, Androutidakis (Sent off), Stojcevski, Donnelly, Papamihail, Suric. MAGIC: McGrath, Velkovski, Tasevski, Runje, Harris, T. Markovski, Atanasovski, Micevski (J. Markovski), Emsosovski, Georgeopoulos, Trpcovski. REFEREE: Carlo Graser
VOTES: 3 - Harris (AM); 2 - Runje (AM); 1 - Gilmour (WB)

BULLEEN 1 SPRINGVALE 0

BY DWYGH TUFFNELL

Bulleen Lions moved to third place on the Premier League table with a hard fought 1-0 victory over the struggling Springvale City Vales.

The Lions, who were in the relegation zone near the start of the season pulled into third place thanks to Dale White's 12th minute goal.

Bulleen lacked cohesion for much of the match but still were never in danger of losing.

The Lions had at least six other good chances to increase their lead but poor finishing stopped them in their tracks.

The Vales made a comeback towards the end gaining a succession of corners but were unable to find the equaliser from their period of domination. B. LIONS: Olver, Valentice, Liparotti, Krajacic, Tsiakos, Wade, Grbac, White, Giaccherini, Patterson (Di Iorio), Lutgens. VALES: Dastey, Byrne, Nolan, Selemidis, Craig, Geri (Lettieri), Nield, Roberts, Nilo, Mihajlovic (D.Grella), Lennon.

REFEREE: Cain
VOTES: 3 - White (BL); 2 - Geri (SCV) 1 - Grbac (BL).

PORT MELBOURNE 2 PRESTON 0

BY NICK
GIANNAKOPOULOS

The Port Melbourne Sharks kept up their unbeaten run as they soundly defeated the Preston Lions 2-0 at Anderson Reserve.

The first clear cut chance fell to Nick Papadopoulos after a delightful cross from Sava Rusmir only to see his fiercely hit shot just off target.

Moments later, Papadopoulos failed to capitalise on his chance as his header went just inches wide of the post.

After the interval the Sharks were on the scoresheet as the hardworking George Svigos crossed to Terry Rizopoulos who flicked the ball into the top net.

Soon after a Con Argyriou cross found an unmarked Nick Tsaltas who headed the ball over Tom

Rajkovski leaving him flat footed. The only chance Preston had was in the 70th minute with Zlatko Donev having a close-range shot well saved by Dean Anastasiadis.

SHARKS: Anastasiadis, Argyriou, Dimitrelos, Kyriakopoulos, Fak, Svigos, Palamaras, Tsaltas, Papadopoulos, Rusmir, Rizopoulos. P.LIONS: Rajkovski, Spasevski, Chiodo (Ilievski), Cubitt, Chalmers, Pender, Trajceviski, McAleer, Lane, Sterjovski, Donev (Becvinovski). REFEREE: John Fraser
VOTES: 3 - Svigos (PM); 2 - Argyriou (PM); 1 - Rusmir (PM)

ALBION 0 GREEN GULLY 4

BY SONIA VIDUKA

Accurate finishing from the Green Gully Cavaliers saw them victorious over a hapless Albion at Selwyn Park on Sunday.

Cavaliers' coach Chris Taylor said of his sides second consecutive conquest, "I feel quite relieved that we won, but I have always said that Green Gully are a top five side."

The opening goal of the first half came from the Cavaliers Steve Chetcuti in the 30th minute of what had previously been a colourless game.

Fifteen minutes later the Cavaliers scored again when Redsox keeper Robert Brian chested out the ball, only to see Dino Grillo smash the ball into an unmanned goal.

From there, Albion's luck only got worse, with Green Gully firing up for the second half, Zlate Markovski the scorer of the team's third goal in the 46th minute.

Green Gully's domination continued till the end of the match, their fourth goal coming in the 74th minute by Arthur Davis from the edge of the box.

REDSOX: Brian, Gurpinar, Vesnaver, Osman, Lucchesi, Wilson, Sevin, Collins, Fehmi (Simsek), Popovski (Trani), Kuyucogullari (sent off) CAVALIERS: Vella, Spiteri, Crodden, Brown,

Campelj (Azzopardi), Chetcuti, Markovski Davis, Tricarico, Necesi, Genovesi (Grillo) REFEREE: Nestor Zachariadis
VOTES: 3 - Markovski (GG); 2 - Tricarico (GG); 1 - Collins (AR)

NORTH GEELONG 0 SUNSHINE 0

BY ROY HAY

North Geelong had a scoreless draw against the Sunshine Georgies at Elcho Park on Sunday.

Sunshine might have taken the early lead when Alex Kiratzoglou got away, but his shot skidded across the face of goal.

Georgies star player Ged Stenson was sent off for a foul and abusive language in the 22nd minute, but the 10 men had much the better of the first half.

North skipper Robert Cosic went off on a surging run through the centre but Mijo Trupkovic put his shot wide.

North coach Eddie Kovacev said, "It was a disappointing game last week. We did better in the second half." Norm Dougherty - Georgies midfielder, agreed it was a game which Georgies should have won on its first half performance.

WARRIORS: Vunderl, Fitzpatrick, O'Sullivan, Medved, Cosic, Pandzic, McAuliffe, Dimovski, Trupkovic, J. Skoko, Deak (A. Skoko)

GEORGIES: Lyras, Melrose, Kanesoulis, Kiratzoglou, Ferla, Daglaras, Lewis, Dougherty, Pappas (De La Plaza), Stenson (sent off), Sherifovski (Aretis).

REFEREE: Jurgen Annus
VOTES: 3 - Lewis (SG); 2 - Fitzpatrick (NG); 1 - Daglaras (SG).

THIS WEEKS VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

MONDAY

Sunshine Georgies v
Werribee City Bees
North Geelong v
Springvale City Vales

PREMIER LEAGUE Round 16 RESULTS

Box Hill Inter 0 Doncaster Rovers 0
Fawknor Blues 1 (Goulis) St Albans Saints 2 (Kelic, Pondeljak)
Albion Redsox 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 4
(Chetcuti, Grillo, Markovski, Davis)
Port Melbourne Sharks 2 (Rizopoulos, Tsaltas) Preston Lions 0
Bulleen Lions 1 (White) Springvale City Vales 0
North Geelong Warriors 0 Sunshine Georgies 0
Werribee Bees 0 Altona Magic 1 (Georgeopoulos)



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VICTORIAN LADDER

PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Gr. Gully Cvil.	15	11	2	2	35	18	35
Preston Lions	16	10	0	6	45	21	30
Fawkner Blues	16	9	3	4	38	28	30
St Alb. Saints	16	8	5	3	32	22	29
Bulleen Lions	15	8	3	4	32	22	27
Altona Magic	15	8	2	5	26	23	26
Pt Melb. Sharks	15	7	2	6	23	24	23
Werribee Bees	15	6	4	5	22	14	22
Sun. Georgies	15	6	3	6	24	23	21
Spr. City Vales	15	4	5	6	22	25	17
Don'ter Rovers	16	3	6	7	25	34	15
Box Hill Inter	16	4	2	10	23	38	14
Nt Geel. Warrior	15	2	2	11	11	37	8
Albion Redsoxs	16	1	3	12	21	52	6

STATE ONE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent. Greens	11	7	3	1	28	13	24
Thomas. Devils	11	7	3	1	25	17	24
Lalor United	11	7	2	2	20	13	23
Clarinda	11	5	4	2	23	15	19
Richmond	11	6	1	4	24	20	19
West Suburbs	11	5	3	3	15	12	15
Westgate	11	4	3	4	16	15	15
Northcote City	11	4	3	4	17	17	12
Croydon City	11	4	3	4	18	19	12
Oakleigh	11	4	0	7	14	22	12
Caulfield City	11	2	4	5	13	18	10
Frank. Pines	11	2	2	7	14	20	8
Broadmeadows	11	1	3	7	12	21	6
Knox City	11	1	2	8	11	28	5

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	11	8	1	2	42	18	25
Th'town Devils	11	8	1	2	24	14	25
Bent. Greens	10	6	3	1	22	12	21
Oakleigh	11	5	4	2	23	14	19
Knox City	11	5	2	4	26	17	17
Frank. Pines	11	4	4	3	22	20	16
Northcote City	11	6	1	4	27	27	16
Lalor Utd	11	4	2	5	16	15	14
Broadmeadows	10	4	1	5	16	26	13
Clarinda	11	3	3	5	20	18	12
Caulfield City	11	2	4	5	20	22	10
Westgate	11	3	0	8	26	38	9
West. Suburbs	11	3	2	6	19	27	8
Croydon City	11	1	0	10	9	44	0

STATE TWO FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noorabbin City	11	7	4	0	22	6	25
Waverley City	11	7	3	1	27	7	24
Sp. White Eagles	11	7	3	1	26	10	24
Ess. Brun. Royals	11	7	4	0	32	15	22
Regent Bulla	11	4	4	3	20	15	16
East Richmond	11	4	4	3	10	14	16
Altona East	11	4	3	4	17	11	15
Chelsea	11	4	2	5	17	22	14
Bell Park	11	4	2	5	13	19	14
Altona City	11	2	4	5	11	22	10
Nunawading City	11	1	6	4	7	18	9
Ringwood City	11	2	2	7	12	20	8
Mooroolbark	11	1	5	5	9	25	8
Clifton Hill	11	0	0	11	4	23	0

STATE TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moorabbin City	11	9	2	0	37	9	29
Altona City	11	9	0	2	37	18	27
Sp. White Eagles	11	7	1	3	20	10	22
Waverley City	11	7	0	4	31	15	21
Regent Bulla	11	6	2	3	31	17	20
Ess. Brun. Royals	11	6	3	2	25	10	18
Altona East	11	4	2	5	12	23	14
East Richmond	11	3	3	5	16	30	12

Clifton Hill	11	3	2	6	12	15	11
Mooroolbark	11	3	1	7	18	27	10
Nunawading City	11	3	1	7	10	24	10
Bell Park	11	3	1	7	10	27	10
Ringwood City	11	3	0	8	18	28	9
Chelsea	11	1	2	8	11	35	5

STATE THREE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	11	8	2	1	32	10	26
Sth Dandenong	11	7	3	1	29	10	24
Sth Werribee	11	7	3	1	23	14	24
Melb. City	11	6	2	3	22	16	20
Keilor Eagles	11	4	6	1	10	5	18
Sth Caulfield	11	5	2	4	11	13	17
Frankston	11	5	1	5	21	20	16
Elt Dia Valley	11	4	4	3	13	13	16
Fitzroy City	11	4	1	6	9	16	13
Pascoe Vale	11	3	2	6	15	17	11
Seaford Utd	11	3	1	7	16	31	10
Sunbury Utd	11	1	4	6	8	19	7
Banyule	11	2	1	8	15	28	7
Sandringham	11	0	4	7	7	19	1

STATE THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	11	10	0	1	48	8	30
Pascoe Vale	11	7	0	4	28	17	21
Seaford Utd	11	6	2	3	20	12	20
Sth Caulfield	11	6	2	3	22	20	20
Keilor Eagles	11	5	4	2	24	13	19
Elt. Dia. Valley	11	5	2	4	24	23	17
Melb. City	11	5	0	6	21	23	15
Banyule City	10	4	2	4	17	17	14
Sth Werribee	11	4	2	5	20	27	14
Frankston	11	4	0	7	21	18	12
Sth Dandenong	10	3	3	4	13	22	12
Sandringham	11	3	3	5	11	15	9
Sunbury Utd	11	1	3	7	15	28	6
Fitzroy City	11	1	1	9	8	49	4

STATE FOUR FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong	11	7	3	1	29	8	24
Cranbourne	11	7	3	1	25	8	24
Sth Springvale	11	7	3	1	18	5	24
Stonnington	11	5	3	3	18	14	18
Williamstown	10	5	1	4	10	10	16
Corio	11	4	4	3	14	23	16
Yarraville	11	4	2	5	10	12	14
Sun. Heights	11	4	4	3	16	13	13
Monbulk	10	3	4	3	14	12	13
Langwarrin	11	4	1	6	15	21	13
Sth Wantirna	11	4	0	7	15	20	12
Nth Coburg Utd	11	2	4	5	15	15	10
Doveton	11	1	5	5	11	23	8
Brighton	11	0	1	10	4	30	1

STATE FOUR RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	11	8	2	1	33	13	26
Sth Wantirna	11	7	3	1	23	6	24
Cranbourne	11	7	2	2	26	15	23
Williamstown	11	7	0	4	36	25	21
Stonnington	11	6	2	3	20	15	20
Monbulk	10	5	3	2	18	11	18
Geelong	11	5	1	5	27	20	16
Yarraville	11	4	1	6	24	18	13
Brighton	11	4	1	6	26	28	13
S'shine Heights	11	4	3	4	31	21	12
Sth Springvale	11	3	1	7	16	26	10
Nth Coburg Utd	11	3	0	8	21	53	9
Doveton	10	2	1	7	13	31	7
Corio	11	0	2	9	7	39	2

PROVISIONAL ONE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	11	9	1	1	26	9	28
Spring. Condors	11	7	2	2	26	12	23
Lalor	11	6	3	2	25	17	21

Nth Sunshine	11	6	2	3	20	16	20
Old Scotch/Hawt	11	5	3	3	15	14	18
Geel. Rangers	11	5	2	4	19	16	17
Melton	11	4	4	3	13	9	16
Glenroy	11	4	2	5	21	24	14
Ballarat	11	3	3	5	14	17	12
Mitcham Utd	11	2	4	5	12	20	10
Brandon Park	11	2	3	6	14	23	9
Heidelberg City	11	2	2	7	15	25	8
Knox Park	11	2	2	7	15	25	8
Dandenong	11	3	1	7	14	22	7

PROVISIONAL ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mitcham Utd	11	9	1	1	34	7	28
Moreland City	11	8	2	1	29	9	26
Old Scotch/Hawt	11	7	3	1	25	9	24
Sp'vale Condors	11	6	2	3	32	11	20
Ballarat	11	6	1	4	19	16	19
Glenroy	11	6	0	5	26	21	18
Melton	11	5	2	4	15	17	17
Geelong Rangers	11	4	3	4	26	20	15
Knox Park	11	5	0	6	21	20	15
Heidelberg City	11	3	4	4	21	21	13
Nth Sunshine	11	3	2	6	14	20	11
Lalor	11	2	1	8	15	33	7
Brandon Park	10	1	1	8	14	47	4
Dandenong	10	0	0	10	8	48	-3

PROVISIONAL TWO FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth Glenroy	11	6	3	2	32	16	21
Meadow Park	11	6	3	2	26	11	21
Keysborough	11	6	2	3	26	16	20
Mornington	11	6	2	3	16	9	20
Braeside Utd	11	6	1	4	14	11	19
Lyndale United	11	5	2	4	21	22	17
Brunswick City	11	4	4	3	13	15	16
Berwick City	11	4	3	4	16	19	15
Hampton Pk Utd	11	4	3	4	14	23	15
South Yarra	11	4	1	6	13	19	13
Broadmeadow Utd	11	2	3	6	14	22	9
Monash Uni.	11	2	2	7	15	22	8
East Nun. Eagles	11	1	5	5	11	20	8
Hoppers Cr'sing	11	2	4	5	16	22	7

PROVISIONAL TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	11	10	1	0	45	13	31
Nth Glenroy	11	9	1	1	29	9	28
Lyndale Utd	11	7	1	3	26	15	22
Sth Yarra	11	6	3	2	27	18	21
Mornington	11	7	0	4	21	20	21
Hampton Park	11	6	0	5	24	19	18
Hopp. Crossing	11	6	1	4	25	15	16
Meadow Park	11	4	3	4	24	20	15
Braeside Utd	11	5	0	6	23	33	15
Br'meadows Utd	11	3	3	5	18	23	12
Berwick City	11	1	3	7	13	27	6
Keysborough	11	1	2	8	14	28	5
East Nun. Eagles	11	1	2	8	15	31	5
Monash Uni	11	0	2	0	8	42	

Lazaridis denies Spearwood

ASCINTILLATING performance by Floreat Athena, in particular Stan Lazaridis, prevented previously unbeaten Spearwood Dalmatinac with the opportunity of leading the professional Soccer Federation first division last Saturday, where they went down 4-3 in a tense see-saw encounter at the Lake Monger Velodrome.

In the only League fixture of the weekend, because of Monday's third round of the D'Orsogna Cup, the win was just the boost Floreat coach Eric Williams was looking for, especially having gone down to Inglewood Falcons in a midweek catch up game. "The closeness of the result doesn't truly reflect the superiority we had throughout the match" said Williams.

"I am however, disappointed that we let in three goals in the second half, but I shall be addressing this later in the week."

Floreat took the lead after just seven minutes when Michael Roki converted a John Cullen centre, they went further ahead 20 minutes later when a familiar long throw in by Taki Nicolaidis was headed back across the face of the goal by

PSF DIVISION 1									
SWAN	5	4	0	1	18	8	12		
SPEARWOOD	5	3	2	1	18	10	11		
STERLING	5	3	1	1	20	8	10		
INGLEWOOD	5	3	1	1	12	12	10		
SORRENTO	5	2	2	1	16	10	8		
BAYSWATER	6	2	2	2	10	18	8		
PERTH	4	2	1	1	7	6	7		
FLOREAT	6	2	1	3	12	16	7		
PANTHERS	6	0	2	4	11	17	2		
FREMANTLE	6	0	0	6	5	24	0		

Craig Deans to Dean Nicolaou who had the simple task of side footing the ball passed Robbie Zabica.

The visitors had a good opportunity to reduce the deficit in the 35th minute when a Wayne Thorpe cross was directed goalwards by Gary Murray, but his powerful header was superbly saved by last season's goalkeeper of the year John Xigas.

Spearwood eventually broke through two minutes after the interval when a curling Gerry Christie corner picked out Kevin Elliott lurking at the back post, who somehow found the mark through a packed goalmouth.

But Floreat retaliated with another goal of their own later albeit a penalty,

following another dazzling run from Socceroo Lazaridis that was crudely stopped by two defenders.

Nicolaidis calmly drilled the spot kick home with Zabica flying in the opposite direction.

But Spearwood refused to fold, and were subsequently rewarded for their dogged persistence by making it 3-2 in the 80th minute after Christie tapped in a deep Hugh Miller throw.

A minute from time, former Heidelberg United Striker Vesilin Zmukic returned Floreat's two-goal advantage when he finished off yet another defence splitting sprint by Lazaridis.

Later, after seasoned winger Christie slammed a strike onto the crossbar,



Stan Lazaridis talks to Perth promoter Gary Williams during the recent West Ham tour. Lazaridis had another super game for Floreat on the weekend.

Dalmatinac broke through for a third goal when Derek Combe guided home a penalty in the third minute of entry time, after Aaron

Nadin was fouled in the box. Meanwhile, Greek Club Aris Salonika have thrown their hat into the ring in an attempt to buy 22-year-old

PERTH NSL SHOCK, NOW ITS 1997

Western Australia will have to wait yet another year before they field a team in the National Soccer League following the shock announcement by the controlling consortium that they now intend to wait until October 1997.

Arena investments have always indicated they require at least 18 months to prepare for such a significant and expensive venture, and since the Australian Soccer Federation delayed in accepting Arena's proposal, they are now looking at a year later than what was previously expected.

"We've got no dramas with this and are fully supportive of what is happening" said Soccer Administration of WA President Lou Ricci.

"I know the Arena Directors have had a meeting with ASF chairman David Hill, and subsequent to that meeting they have come up with this date.

In some ways it will be a blessing in disguise because it still gives them plenty of time to put this together properly. Although I know the Soccer public will be disappointed, I am fully confident they are still behind us, their support at the recent international matches is clear evidence of this said Ricci.

Lazaridis. Whilst the talented winger is already wanted by English Club West Ham United, it is believed Salonika have offered NSL club West Adelaide \$A500,000 dollars for his services.

In the only other game at the weekend, Sterling Panthers handed out a 7-0 hiding to second division

club Melville Corinthian in a brought forward D'Orsogna Cup clash at the Osborne Park ground.

New signing Allan MacKenzie, who once featured with Scottish Club Clyde and HPK of Finland, scored twice as did Chris Todd and Rob Monstra. Keegan Ashley netted the single.

New National League for New Zealand

New Zealand will have a national league next year after three seasons of regional-based competition.

Soccer New Zealand (SNZ) confirmed today that the national league will return, but with one

significant change from its first life from 1970 until 1992 — it will be played in summer.

The SNZ council adopted a report from its men's domestic review committee for the national

league to start on January 20-21 next year and finish in the final weekend of May.

From then on, it will run from November until early May with a three-week break over Christmas.

ABSW Pascoe Vale

Player of the Year



Wollongong City captain and NSW Representative Matthew Horsley proudly displays his prizes for winning the ABSW Pascoe Vale Player of the Year award. He received an impressive trophy and a \$500 cheque thanks to the generous Pascoe Vale Sports scene.

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

Round 2: St Marys 1 bt Bidwill 0, Penrith 4 bt Shalvey 1, Rooty Hill 8 bt Mt Druitt 0, Colyton 2 bt Kingswood 1, Doonside 2 bt Riverstone 1, St Clair 3 bt Windsor 1, Westfields 4 bt St Johns Park 0, Sydney Tech 8 bt Maroubra 0, Menai 2 bt Hurstville 1, Kingsgrove North 3 bt Strathfield Sth 0, Canterbury 4 bt Tempe 3, Kingsgrove 2 bt Cronulla 0, Kogarah 3 bt Heathcote 0, James Ruse 6 bt Northmead 0, Muirfield 2 bt Parramatta 1, Greystakes 3 bt Merrylands 0, Junee 5 bt Wagga 0, Corrimal 4 bt Figtree 2, Woonona 3 bt Keira 1, Warrawong 9 bt Crookwell 0, Goulburn 6 bt Queanbeyan 1, Kanahooka 3 bt Oak Flats 0, Albion Pk 3 bt Kiama 2, Ulladulla 3 bt Shoalhaven 1, Bega 1 bt Moruya 0, Malville 1 bt Hunters Hill 0, Gilroy College 3 bt Epping Boys 1, Oakhill College 5 bt Asquith 0, Pat Bros Blacktown 3 bt Grantham 0, Kirrawee 10 bt Port Hacking 1, DLS Caringbah 3 bt Caringbah 0, Sydney Tech 5 bt Kingsgrove Nth 1, Blacktown 1-4 bt Quakers Hill 1-3, Bidwill 4 bt Colo 2, St Pauls Booragul 2 bt Kotara 1, The Entrance 4 bt Mater Del 2, Erina 2 bt Gosford 1, Lisarow 5 bt Wyong 2, Daramalan 5 bt Kalaen 2, South Dubbo 10 bt Tottenham 0, Delroy 5 bt Gulgong 1, Canobolas 3 bt Bathurst 0, Kelso 2 bt Lithgow 1, Keira 4 bt Berkeley 3, Lake Illawarra 3 bt Dapto 1, Woonona 3 bt Smiths Hill 0, Kiama 1 bt Vincentia 0, Nowra 2 bt Bowral 1, Ulladulla 3 bt Moruya 2, Warrawong 1 bt Wollongong 0, Holy Spirit 7 bt Warilla 1, Griffith 5 bt Leeton 0, Gundagai 8 bt Cootamundra 0, Collesbally 3 bt Hay 0, Yanco Ag 4 bt Deniliquin 1, Mt Austin 7 bt St Michaels 4, Albury 2 bt Murray 1, Marlan College 3 bt Wodonga 0, Wodonga Cath 3 bt Galen Cath 0.

NSW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

INTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at Diamond Park, Wodonga

DAY 1: Pool A: Met West 3 bt N Coast 0, Hunter 3 bt Riverina 0, Met South West 5 bt N Coast 0, Met West 2 bt Hunter 0, Riverina 1 drew with Met South West 1. Points: Met West 6, Met South West 5, Hunter 4, Riverina 3, N Coast 2.

Pool B: Met East 5 bt North West 0, Met North 0 drew with Western 0, S Coast 6 bt North West 1, Met East 1 drew with Western 1, S Coast 1 bt Met North 0. Points: 6 Coast 6, Met East 5, Western 4, Met North 3, North West 2.

DAY 2: Pool A: Met West 0 drew Met Sth West 0, Hunter 3 bt North Coast 0, Met West 3 bt Riverina 1, Met Sth West 0 drew Hunter 0. Prog pts: Met West 11 Met Sth West 9 Hunter 9 Nth Coast 6 Riverina 5.

Pool B: Met East 0 drew Sth Coast 0, Western 1 Nth West 0, Met Nth 2 bt Met East 0, Sth Coast 0 drew Western 0, Nth West 1 drew Met North 1. Prog pts: Sth Coast 10 Western 9 Met East 8 Met North 8 Nth West 5.

DAY 3: Semi-F: South Coast 3 bt Met South West 0, Met West 2 bt Western 0. Final: Met West 4 bt South Coast 1. Play-off: 9-10: Riverina 1 bt North West 0. 8-7: Met North 1 bt North Coast 0. 5-6: Hunter 1 bt Met East 1.

Final placings: Met W 1, S Coast 2, Met SW 3, Western 4, Hunter 5, Met E 6, Met N 7, N Coast 8, Riverina 9, NW 10.

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE

Taringa Rovers	5	North Star	2
Rosedale Rovers	2	Wynnum	0
Brisbane Lions	3	Pine Rivers	2
Coaststars	2	North Brisbane	1
East. Subs	2	Gr. Thistle	0
Brisbane City	4	Willowburn	3

P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brisbane City	12	10	1	1	35	14 31
Rosedale Rovers	12	9	2	1	29	8 29
Taringa Rovers	12	8	1	3	23	13 25
North Star	12	7	2	3	24	23 23
Brisbane Lions	12	5	6	1	22	12 21
Wynnum District	12	6	0	6	18	19 18
Coaststars	12	5	2	5	18	16 17
Grange Thistle	12	3	1	8	18	26 10
Eastern Suburbs	12	3	1	8	11	28 10
Pine Rivers United	12	1	5	6	11	20 8
North Brisbane	12	1	3	8	12	20 8
Willowburn	12	1	2	9	15	37 5

ROUND 12 SCORES - DIVISION TWO

Brisbane Lions	3	Pine Rivers	2
Brisbane City	4	Willowburn	3
North Brisbane	1	Coaststars	2
Rosedale Rovers	2	Wynnum District	0
Eastern Subs	2	Grange Thistle	0
North Star	2	Taringa Rovers	5

DIVISION TWO

Beenleigh	12	9	2	1	40	17 29
Nerang	12	8	1	3	24	13 25
Rocklea United	12	7	1	4	20	11 22
Logan City Kings	12	7	1	4	27	21 22
Acacia Ridge	12	6	3	3	23	16 21
Ipswich St Helens	12	6	2	4	27	21 20
Olympic United	12	5	2	5	12	17 17
St Albans	12	5	0	7	19	21 15
Mt Gravatt	12	4	1	7	17	22 13
Souths United	12	3	1	8	15	27 10
Inala City Utd	12	3	1	8	16	32 10
Uni of Qld	12	1	1	10	12	34 4

NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE FIRST GRADE RESULTS

Broadmeadow Magic v Lake Macquarie	cancelled
Maitland Magpies 1.....v Highfields	3
Cessnock Hornets.....v West Wallsend	2
Edgeworth Eagles.....v Weston Workers	0
Wallsend Red v Hamilton Warriors	cancelled

RESERVE GRADE RESULTS

Broadmeadow Magic v Lake Macquarie	PP
Maitland Magpies.....v Highfields	10
Cessnock Hornets.....v West Wallsend	2
Edgeworth Eagles.....v Weston Workers	2
Wallsend Red v Hamilton Warriors	PP

UNDER 18'S RESULTS

Broadmeadow Magic v Lake Macquarie	PP
Maitland Magpies.....v Highfields	6
Cessnock Hornets.....v West Wallsend	4
Edgeworth Eagles.....v Weston Workers	0
Wallsend Red v Hamilton Warriors	PP

NEW SOCCER LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE

HIGHFIELDS	7	6	1	0	28	9 19
WESTON WORKERS	6	5	0	1	21	2 15
EDGEWORTH EAGLES	8	4	3	1	15	9 15
WEST WALLSEND	8	4	1	3	14	14 13
LAKE MACQUARIE	7	3	1	3	12	13 10
WALLSEND RED DEVILS	7	3	1	3	8	13 10
HAMILTON WARRIORS	6	2	3	1	12	10 9
CESSNOCK HORNETS	8	2	1	5	6	13 7
BROADMEADOW MAGIC	7	1	1	5	4	13 4
MAITLAND MAGPIES	8	0	0	8	5	29 0

RESERVE GRADE

1st Division

HIGHFIELDS	7	6	1	0	24	4 19
EDGEWORTH EAGLES	7	5	1	1	17	9 16
CESSNOCK HORNETS	7	5	1	1	17	9 16
WALLSEND RED DEVILS	7	4	1	2	15	10 13
WESTON WORKERS	6	3	0	3	12	7 9
HAMILTON WARRIORS	6	2	1	3	9	8 7
LAKE MACQUARIE	7	1	2	4	3	11 5
BROADMEADOW MAGIC	7	1	0	6	11	21 3
MAITLAND MAGPIES	8	1	0	7	4	40 3

18'S

1st Division

HIGHFIELDS	7	5	2	0	27	9 17
WALLSEND RED	7	5	1	1	15	6 16
WEST WALLSEND	8	5	0	3	12	10 15
HAMILTON WARRIORS	6	3	2	1	14	6 11
WESTON WORKERS	6	3	2	1	11	3 11
BROADMEADOW MAGIC	7	3	2	2	13	12 11
EDGEWORTH EAGLES	7	2	2	3	8	7 8
LAKE MACQUARIE	7	1	1	5	6	17 4
MAITLAND MAGPIES	8	1	1	6	3	23 4
CESSNOCK HORNETS	7	0	1	6	3	19 1

North Coast name squad for Fiji match

BY MAL TURNER

The Coffs Harbour District Soccer Association's director of coaching, Leo Baumgartner, has chosen his squad to face the visiting Fiji national team on June 18 at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium.

The Northern Premier League squad is as follows: Scott Collis, Andrew Clarke, Brett Adams, Greg Thomas, David Pike, Gary Flemming, Brett Adams, Drew Laurence of Coffs City United, Scott Graham, Rod Wyatt, Mathew Bennet, Brad Danzey, Justin Yule of Urunga Raiders. Dean Riorden, Darren Morn, Jason Lord of Macleay Valley Rangers, Jason Hillier of the Sawtell Scorpions and James Brown of the Westlawn Tigers.

The squad has already gone into training to prepare for the game and face a tough schedule in their training routine over the next couple of weeks.

The squad's manager, Bill Simpson, is impressed with the effort already shown and is confident that the team will be determined to cause an upset on the day.

Many of the squad have played at this level before, facing such teams in the past as Singapore, Malaysia, Marconi and the Newcastle Breakers.

This will be the first time the North Coast squad have faced such prestigious opposition on the grounds of the International Stadium, playing the other mentioned games at the Coffs Harbour

COFFS HARBOUR

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS

Port Utd	1	Westlawn	1
Woolgoolga	0	Ununga	1
Coffs City	1	Sawtell	1

SECOND

Port Utd	9	Westlawn	2
Woolgoolga	1	Ununga	0
Coffs City	3	Sawtell	2

THIRD

Port Utd	0	Westlawn	1
Woolgoolga	4	Ununga	0
Coffs City	0	Sawtell	2

Tables as at 5.6.95

PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Coffs City Utd	9	6	2	1	26	8	20
Port United	8	5	1	2	19	9	16
Macleay Valley	8	5	0	3	15	11	15
Sawtell Scorpions	8	4	2	2	13	13	14
Urunga Raiders	8	4	1	3	14	13	13
Woolgoolga	9	1	0	8	7	27	3
Westlawn Tigers	8	0	2	6	9	22	2

PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Urunga Raiders	8	6	1	1	26	9	19
Coffs City United	9	6	1	2	18	12	19
Port United	8	5	2	1	24	6	17
Woolgoolga	9	3	2	4	14	14	11
Sawtell Scorpions	8	3	1	4	17	20	11
Macleay Valley	8	2	1	5	12	20	7
Westlawn Tigers	8	0	0	8	3	36	0

PREMIER LEAGUE "YOUTH DIVISION"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Woolgoolga	10	8	2	0	46	3	26
Westlawn Tigers	10	8	1	1	63	9	22
Port United	9	5	1	3	18	7	16
Macleay Valley	9	3	2	5	14	17	12
Coffs City Utd	9	3	1	5	8	15	10
Urunga Raiders	8	2	1	5	11	21	7
Sawtell Scorpions	9	2	1	6	11	46	7
Nambucca Valley	8	1	0	7	7	56	3

showground.

The surface of the International Stadium is perfect for the round ball game and is reportedly in excellent condition despite the recent bad weather.

Tickets for the game go on sale this week with the seating at \$6, the outer ground \$3 with children under the age of 16 admitted free to the outer ground.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
White City Warriors	11	6	2	3	24	12	20
Raiders	11	5	3	3	18	15	18
Salisbury United	11	5	3	3	13	11	18
Adelaide Blue Eagles	11	5	2	4	23	19	17
Port Adelaide Lion	11	3	6	2	14	16	15
Croydon	11	3	4	4	17	19	13
Campbelltown City	11	3	2	6	16	20	11
Modbury	11	1	4	6	15	28	7

ROUND 11 SCORES

Croydon	0	Campbelltown City	3
Salisbury Utd	1	Pt Adelaide Lion	1
White City Warr	5	Raiders	1
Adelaide Blue Eagles	2	Modbury	0

PREMIER DIVISION U/23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
White City Warriors	13	8	5	0	23	11	29
Croydon	12	8	3	1	32	10	27
Campbelltown City	12	6	2	4	13	8	20
Adelaide Blue Eagles	12	5	4	3	22	16	19
SA Spt Institute	10	4	3	3	18	12	15
Modbury	12	4	4	4	15	18	13
Salisbury United	13	3	3	7	11	24	12
Raiders	12	1	2	9	8	26	5
Port Adelaide Lion	12	0	4	8	5	22	4

ROUND 11 SCORES

Croydon	0	Campbelltown City	2
Salisbury United	1	Pt Adelaide Lion	0
White City Warriors	3	Raiders	1
Adelaide Blue Eagles	2	Modbury	2
SA Sport Institute	0	Raiders	0

PREMIER DIVISION U/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
White City Warriors	11	5	5	1	23	7	20
Pt Adelaide Lion	11	6	2	3	12	11	20
Adelaide Blue Eagles	11	5	3	3	19	11	16
Croydon	11	3	5	3	20	12	14
Campbelltown City	11	3	5	3	19	23	14
Salisbury United	11	3	2	6	12	18	11
Raiders	11	2	5	4	11	20	11
Modbury	11	1	5	5	12	26	8

ROUND 11 SCORES

Croydon	7	Campbelltown City	1
Salisbury United	1	Pt Adelaide Lion	1
White City Warr	1	Raiders	1
Adelaide Blue Eagles	2	Modbury	2

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Para Hills Knights	10	8	0	2	16	7	24
Elizabeth City	10	5	4	1	17	11	19
West Torrens	10	5	3	2	20	12	18
West Adelaide	10	5	2	3	15	11	17
Adelaide City	10	4	2	4	17	15	14
Plympton	10	4	2	4	16	14	14
Olympians	10	4	2	4	16	15	14
Enfield City	10	3	3	4	16	19	12
Cumberland Utd	10	2	4	4	13	17	10
Noarlunga United	10	2	1	7	16	26	7
Seaford	10	0	3	7	8	23	3

ROUND 11 SCORERS

Cumberland Utd	1	Enfield City	3
Adelaide City	0	Para Hills Knights	1
Olympians	2	West Adelaide	1
Plympton	3	West Torrens	2
Elizabeth City	3	Seaford	1
Noarlunga United	0	bye	0

STATE DIVISION U/23

Cumberland Utd	10	8	0	2	26	15	24
Para Hills Knights	10	7	2	1	24	11	23
Elizabeth City	10	7	0	3	17	14	21
Woodville City	10	5	1	4	20	13	16
Enfield City	10	5	1	4	16	11	16
Olympians	10	4	2	4	24	13	14
West Torrens	9	3	3	3	12	9	12
Plympton	9	3	1	5	17	17	10
Seaford	10	3	1	6	8	17	10
Noarlunga Utd	10	2	3	5	10	19	9
Adelaide Hills	10	0	0	10	7	42	1

The World's 14 Best Players

(According to The Football Writers' World Survey)

Born January 29, 1966, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Previous clubs Olaria, Vasco da Gama, PSV Eindhoven, Barcelona

ROMARIO'S return to Brazil from Europe has done nothing to dim the goalscoring reputation of the World Cup-winning striker — he has lashed in the goals just as easily for Flamengo as he did with PSV Eindhoven and then Barcelona.

Romario was born into poverty in a Rio de Janeiro favela. Now he drives smart cars and is a fêted guest at celebrity gatherings. His riches have enabled him to move his parents out of the house with no electricity or running water where he was brought up and into a seven-bedroom villa.

Romario's teenage escapades frustrated coaches and once earned him the sack from a Brazilian squad preparing for the World Youth Cup finals. He had played first in Rio for Olaria, then moved to giants Vasco da Gama at 14. In 1988 he was the star of the Brazil team who finished runners-up to the Soviet Union at the Olympic Games in Seoul.

Immediately afterwards he was signed by Philips SV Eindhoven.

Despite arriving in mid-year, he finished the season as the top League marksman in Holland with 19 goals. He went on to total 98 League goals for PSV in five seasons before joining Barcelona for \$6million in 1993. He was the Spanish League's top scorer last season with 30 goals.

It had been an emotionally draining 12 months. Romario had fallen out three years ago with Brazil boss Carlos Alberto Parreira but he was recalled in the autumn of 1993 for the vital World Cup qualifier against Uruguay. Brazil won 2-0 and Romario scored both goals. He then went on, of course, to collect a World Cup-winner's medal.

The adulation he received, when he flew back to Rio de Janeiro with his team-mates, persuaded Romario it was time to go home. He says:

"When I left Brazil originally, to come to Europe I decided I would give myself a maximum of eight years. I'm 29, I don't want to be old here when I'm 30. I'm a family man. My family means everything to me. As for football, it's Brazilian football that I respond to. It's not been the best of times for the domestic game and I believe that I can help restore Brazilian football to its old standard. That's why I want to go home."

Romario took several games to re-adapt to Brazilian football on his return to Rio with Flamengo. But now the goals are flowing — to reward the faith of both Flamengo and the fans who paid for his return.

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FLAMENGO & BRAZIL

The World's 14 Best Players

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NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER

FRANK RIJKAARD

Born 1962

Amsterdam, Holland

Previous clubs Ajax

Amsterdam, Real

Zaragoza, Milan

Frank Rijkaard is a Dutch footballer who has played for Ajax, Real Madrid, Zaragoza and Milan. He is a versatile player who can play in defence, midfield or attack. He is known for his powerful shot and his ability to read the game. He has won several trophies with his clubs, including the UEFA Cup with Ajax and the UEFA Champions League with Milan. He has also represented the Netherlands national team.

During the 1980s, Rijkaard was a key player for Ajax. He was part of the team that won the UEFA Cup in 1986. He then moved to Real Madrid, where he played for two seasons. In 1990, he moved to Zaragoza, where he played for two seasons. In 1992, he moved to Milan, where he played for three seasons. He was a key player for Milan, helping them win the UEFA Champions League in 1993. He was also a member of the Dutch national team, which finished fourth in the 1990 World Cup.

At World Cup level, Rijkaard was not quite as fortunate. Holland lost in the second round against West Germany in 1990. It was a nightmare day for Rijkaard who was sent off after a nasty little squabble with German spearhead Rudi Voller. Otherwise at club level Rijkaard won just about everything before announcing, on the very eve of the 1993 Champions Cup Final, that he wanted to quit Milan and go home to Holland. The irony now is that Ajax, with Rijkaard back in their ranks, have dethroned Milan as European Cup champions.

AJAX AMSTERDAM & HOLLAND

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP '95

Matildas ready for Danes

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

VASTERAS (Sweden) Saturday: Soccer international Cheryl Salisbury admitted she had begun Australia's World Cup preparation tour last month "tired and ill" and had taken almost two weeks to recover her form.

But the giant midfielder — at 179 cms shaded only by goalkeeper Tracey Wheeler in the Matildas squad — says she now feels better than ever and can't wait for Tuesday's tournament opener against Denmark.

"Just after our last tour to Brazil I went down with a stomach virus and lost about six kilograms in weight," she said. "I felt weak and couldn't train."

"On top of that they were short-handed at work, so I put in about sixty hours in the week before we left for overseas."

As a result she was well below form in the opening two matches against Canada. "I was slow and couldn't keep up, but I begged (coach) Tom Sermanni to keep me in the team as I knew the only thing that would cure me was match practice," she said.

Sermanni's decision to persevere paid off as Salisbury's form showed a steady improvement during the later warm-up matches of the tour.

After the World Cup she and striker Sunni Hughes will

join Japanese club Matsushita Panasonic Bambina on full-time professional contracts. "It's a big move, but being paid to play is a long way from the old days when you had to pay to represent Australia," she said.

The 21-year-old from Newcastle has been at her best this week in training matches against local club boys teams, culminating in a 5-1 thrashing of the Gideonsbergs IF Under 15 side. Sermanni will now taper the team's training in the lead-up to the Denmark game. "The squad is ready, all that can be done has been done," he said.

With one possible exception. After the Gideonsbergs game, the

Australians were each presented with a soft toy lamb by their bashful opponents. As one member of the Matildas joked: "Perhaps we should give them all Danish names and kick them around our rooms."

The World Cup is causing a stir in Vasteras, Sweden's fourth largest city and probably best known to Australians for the manufacture of Asea household appliances.

A partner in a city-centre restaurant said the tournament was good for the community. "Except for business people I don't believe anyone would come here otherwise, there is absolutely nothing to do," he said.



Tracey Wheeler: The tallest player in the squad.

When reminded the guidebook says Vasteras has an historic castle just off the city's central park, which

also contains a museum, he replied: "Oh, that...I have been here 30 years and never visited it."

Aussies on Tour

■ The Australians have been putting the finishing touches to their World Cup assault, training three times a day on most days — usually 7-9 o'clock in the mornings, an afternoon session and two hours at night. These have been mostly fairly light sessions.

To polish up set pieces and keep up match fitness, the team has also had several hitouts against top local boys teams including a side from a special football high school. "There's nothing to beat actual match situations," says coach Tom Sermanni. "And

it's great we are getting the opportunity to work out with these youngsters."

■ Certain to become a real collector's item...The Aussies have stirred a lot of local interest in Vasteras. A photographer from the local newspaper happened to be at the swimming pool during the team's relaxation period and took a classic team shot (in swimsuits) which appeared in the paper.

■ More 'Yellow T-shirt Awards' for Idiot of the Day: — Sacha Wainwright for taping herself to the chair while trying to strap some

ice on.

— Michelle Watson for asking "Is that Bob Marley's new album?"

— Team attaché Camilla for suggesting they might like to see a Hungarian movie with Swedish subtitles.



The official mascot for World Cup '95 is a Viking girl who wears the blue and yellow Swedish colours and answers to the name of "Fiffi" (a configuration on the word FIFA).

"Men in the middle" mostly women

Twelve referees and as many line officials have been chosen by FIFA to dispense justice in the 26 World Cup matches. Remarkably, for the first time in a championship of this standing, more female officials have been nominated than male. There will be 13 women and 11 men officiating at the games.

Here is a list of all the referees and line officials for the World Cup.

Referees: Alain Hamer, Luxembourg, Bente Skogvang, Norway, Ingrid Jonsson, Sweden, Eduardo E. Gamboa Martinez, Chile, Maria Edilene Siqueira, Brazil, Pirom Un-Prasert, Thailand, Sulaiman Abou Alo, Ayria, Mamadouba Camara, Guinea, Petros Mathabela, South Africa, Sonia Denoncourt, Canada, Catherine L. Hepburn, USA, Linda May Black, New Zealand.

Line officials: Christine Frai, Germany, Gitte Holm, Denmark, Veronika Schluchter, Switzerland, Cotinne Lagrange, France, Manuel Ernesto Yupanqui Souza, Peru, Ana Bia Batista, Brazil, Byung-Hwa Han, South Korea, Hisac Yoshizawa, Japan, Maria del Socorro Rodriguez Roman, Mexico, Mamadou Toure, Mali, Amir Osman Mohamed Hamid, Sudan, Peter Kelly, Trinidad & Tobago.

CORRECTION

Time Difference
Sweden is AEST less 8 hours as they are currently on summer time.

BY
JANENE MAR

"MATILDA-FAX"

Show your support for our Australian team as they battle it out against the World's best at the World Cup. Fax your message of best wishes/congratulations to your favourite player or to the whole team.

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Australian Women's Soccer Team
c/- Hotel Scandic, Vasteras
Fax No: 0015-46-21-145709
(5-9 June)

c/- Horisont Hotel, Helsingborg
Fax No: 0015-46-42-136719
(9-11 June)

The team's whereabouts after this date will depend on whether or not they have qualified for the quarter-finals. Watch this space for details.

◆ Check the phone book for details on international fax charges.

◆ Sweden is AEST less 8 hours.

EXPERIMENT WITH TIME-OUT

In keeping with a directive issued by the International Football Association Board, the world governing body will carry out experiments with time-out at the Women's World Cup in Sweden.

It is planned to allow each team a two-minute time-out during each half, so that the coach can comment more directly on the way the game is developing and give tactical tips. Time-out may only be requested whenever the ball is out of play but not before set pieces such as a free-kick.

The Sao Paulo regional league in Brazil has been conducting trials with timeout for some time as have the top divisions in Sweden since their season started on April 9 this year. These trials have, for the time being, been limited to one season or to a competition series, as the case may be.

MATCH SCHEDULE

GROUP A			
5/6	6.00pm	Helsingborg	Sweden-Brazil
5/6	2.00pm	Karlstad	Germany-Japan
7/6	7.00pm	Helsingborg	Sweden-Germany
7/6	7.00pm	Karlstad	Brazil-Japan
9/6	7.00pm	Västerås	Sweden-Japan
9/6	7.00pm	Karlstad	Brazil-Germany
GROUP B			
6/6	7.00pm	Karlstad	Norway-Nigeria
6/6	7.00pm	Helsingborg	England-Canada
8/6	7.00pm	Karlstad	Norway-England
8/6	7.00pm	Helsingborg	Nigeria-Canada
10/6	4.00pm	Gävle	Norway-Canada
10/6	4.00pm	Karlstad	Nigeria-England
GROUP C			
6/6	7.00pm	Gävle	USA-China P.R.
6/6	7.00pm	Västerås	Denmark-Australia
8/6	7.00pm	Gävle	USA-Denmark
8/6	7.00pm	Västerås	China P.R.-Australia
10/6	4.00pm	Helsingborg	USA-Australia
10/6	4.00pm	Västerås	China P.R.-Denmark

QUALIFICATION ALTERNATIVES

The eight best teams from the group phase — the two best from each group and the two best "threes" — will progress to the quarter-finals. Which teams will meet which in the quarter-finals depends on which two "threes" make it. Here are the various alternatives.

— QUARTER-FINALS —

If 3rd gr.A + 3rd gr.B qualify		If 3rd gr.B + 3rd gr.C qualify		If 3rd gr.A + 3rd gr.C qualify	
13/6	8.15pm	19 Västerås	1st gr.A — 3rd gr.B	1st gr.A — 3rd gr.B	1st gr.A — 2nd gr.B
13/6	8.15pm	20 Helsingborg	2nd gr.A — 1st gr.C	2nd gr.A — 1st gr.C	2nd gr.A — 2nd gr.C
13/6	5.15pm	21 Gävle	3rd gr.A — 1st gr.B	1st gr.B — 3rd gr.C	3rd gr.A — 1st gr.C
13/6	15.15pm	22 Karlstad	2nd gr.B — 2nd gr.C	2nd gr.B — 2nd gr.C	1st gr.B — 3rd gr.C

— SEMI-FINALS —

15/6	8.15pm	23 Helsingborg	winner match no 19 vs winner match no 20
15/6	5.15pm	24 Västerås	winner match no 21 vs winner match no 22

— MATCH FOR 3RD PLACE —

17/6	4.00pm	25 Gävle
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— FINAL —

18/6	6.00pm	26 Solna
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WORLD CUP TV GUIDE

Since my last report, SBS has given the World Cup its own timeslot. Details are as follows:

WED 07 JUNE 5.05 — 6.00PM
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER
DENMARK v AUSTRALIA
HIGHLIGHTS

FRI 09 JUNE 5.05 — 6.00PM
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER
CHINA P.R. v AUSTRALIA
HIGHLIGHTS

SUN 11 JUNE 12.30 — 2.05PM
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER
USA v AUSTRALIA
HIGHLIGHTS

FRI 16 JUNE 5.05 — 6.00PM
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER
ONE SEMI-FINAL
HIGHLIGHTS

MON 19 JUNE 5.00 — 6.00PM
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER
THE FINAL
HIGHLIGHTS

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*ABOVE TIMES ARE AEST.

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THE TOP DOZEN

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Who will take the crown?

AUSTRALIA

Making its World Cup debut. With the appointment of a full-time coach just 10 months ago, have since prepared with a hectic tour schedule after three years away from international competition.

Drawn in the toughest group, will need to cause a few upsets to reach the quarter-finals. Will be eager and determined to prove their worth and qualify for Atlanta with the Sydney 2000 Olympics not all that far away.

Qualified as top of Oceania group, only scraping ahead of 1991 contenders New Zealand on goal difference.

Leading goalscorer Sunni Hughes will hopefully make an impact along with class goalkeeper Tracey Wheeler. Youngster Lisa Casagrande could surprise a few defenders.

BRAZIL

Finished in 9th position at the last World Cup, just missing out by one goal from making the quarter-finals, having drawn USA and Sweden in their Group.

Clearly dominated the Five-Nation South American Championship, scoring 42 goals and conceding just one in their five matches against a weak opposition. Kick-off the World

Cup with the opening match against hosts Sweden, but will find it tough.

Skilful on the ball, Brazil is a team who goes forward with abandon, but defensively can be suspect.

Number 10 'Sissi' was awarded MVP and top goalscorer with 12 goals. 'Michael Jackson' (dos Santos) and Cenia are others to watch. Should know each others games with 15 of the team all from top club Vasco Da Gama and Euro Experte.

CANADA

First appearance at World Cup. Finished a clear second in the Five-Nation North and Central American Qualifiers behind World Champions USA, but lag behind their classy neighbours, losing 6-0 in that tournament. Unlike the Americans' college system, Canada depends on its clubs to produce players.

Midfielder Angela Kelly and forward Charmaine Hooper are the two quality stars. Hooper, whose brother Lyndon plays striker for Canada, has professional experience in Japan.

CHINA

As hosts of the inaugural World Cup, finished top of Group A

ahead of finalists Norway, but finished in fifth spot after going down 1-0 to Sweden in the quarter-finals.

The Asian Games acted as Qualifiers with China finishing only second behind Japan on goal difference. Coach Ma Yuanan's team are capable of brilliance but are infuriatingly inconsistent. Display a quick-passing style of play.

China has no individual stars, but is a team full of quality players. If they can put it together in Sweden, are considered serious challengers for the title.

DENMARK

Produced a 2-2 draw and a narrow 2-1 loss to top guns China and Norway respectively in their 1991 World Cup Group matches. Lost by a goal to Germany in the quarter-finals to end the event in seventh spot.

Finished top of Group 3 in the European Championship.

Denmark is a team with talent but is yet to produce the goods over its more fancied European neighbours.

Much depends on how well leading midfielder Helle Jensen performs and whether the side can adjust to the likely loss of veteran captain Bonny Madsen, who looks doubtful with a leg injury.

ENGLAND

Making its World Cup debut. Topped Group 7 in the European Championships, taking two close victories over Iceland in the quarter-finals before being comprehensively beaten by Champions Germany in the semi's.

Strikers Karen Walker and Marieanne Spacey scored 17 of the 35 goals over the Championship, but will find it a lot tougher in Sweden.

Steering the side are two veteran midfielders, 33-year-old captain Debbie Bampton and Gillian Coulter, with over 150 caps between them.

GERMANY

Semi-finalists in the 1991 World Cup and current European Champions, Germany are considered legitimate challengers to the crown. Easily winning Group 5 of the Euro Championships, they made a path to the final with comprehensive victories over Russia and England. The title was theirs again with a 3-2 defeat over Sweden.

Under coach Gero Bisanz, the side plays very much to the style of their male counterparts.

Star talent for Germany are veteran midfielders Silvia Neid with 95 caps and Martina Voss, as well as striker Heidi Mohr with 69 goals from 82 games.



Kristine Lilly: USA's Player of the Year in 1993 and their anchor in midfield.

JAPAN

Finished last at the 1991 World Cup but were grouped against medallists Sweden and USA. Will be looking to improve on that ranking and seem to have benefited from the import of top overseas players to their successful National League. Won the Asian Games by goal difference over China after playing out a draw over their highly rated rival, but will find the World Cup a lot more difficult. Under coach Tamotsu Suzuki, Japan will be led by top strikers Futaba Kioka and Kaori Nagamine.

NIGERIA

Placed 10th at the last World Cup. The Africans were the last to qualify and are very much an unknown quantity although played out a couple of close group matches last time. Again emerged African Champions contested this year by six

countries. Will fall short through lack of international experience.

NORWAY

Runners-up in the inaugural World Cup and are again likely to be up there at the top. Norway seems to have the easiest path to the quarter-final, having been drawn against Canada, England and Nigeria in Group B. In 14 matches over USA, Norway hold a 9-5 edge, but stumbled in 1991's final. The twice European Champions have a strong defence including goalkeeper Reidun Seth, with Heidi Store the star in midfield.

SWEDEN

Sweden are looking not only to host a successful event, but are dead serious about taking the crown as well. With the opening match, they will be looking for a solid start with home advantage and a talented determined side.

Bronze-medallists at the first World Cup and runners-up at the European Championships, they have the credentials to pull it off.

As well as a good crop of youngsters, Sweden will be led by star veterans Lena Videkull, Pia Sundhage, Helen Johansson and keeper Elisabeth Leidinge.

U.S.A.

Current World Champions and look a good bet to retain their crown. Have had the luxury of six months full-time training together in preparation.

Michelle Akers remains the best striker in the game, well supported by midfielders Kristine Lilly and Mia Hamm, American Players of the Year in 1993 and 1994. Veteran Carla Overbeck anchors a good defence with goalkeeper Briana Scurry the most athletic of a super athletic team.

Nine players remain from the classy Champion 1991 side and they will again prove very hard to stop.



Helena Johansson: Sweden striker for almost 15 years.

The secret of their production line

"Talentdagen" (talent time) is what they call it when hundreds of young people pour on to the pitches in the De Meer Stadium and dream of sporting the Ajax outfit if only for a few years. Here on this site, which only a few years ago was marsh-land, is where Johan Cruyff's heirs hail from.

"Nine out of 10 players that we select," explains Co Adriaanse, the club's technical director, "come from Amsterdam and surroundings. Ninety per cent of them are black; lively youngsters and wily as a result of living in our cosmopolitan town but we don't want to drag them away from their families and schools. We know only too well that many of them will not make it as players. If they get poor marks at school, then their training sessions are cut down to allow for repeat lessons and — far worse for the boys — they lose their place in our teams."

Louis Van Gaal, the senior squad's coach who has been responsible for the junior teams for some time, comments, "There are special classrooms in our sports centre where qualified teachers conduct lessons between the different training sessions. I know all our youngsters between the ages of six to 16 and congratulate them more often on passing their examinations at school than on giving a good performance on the pitch."

"Amsterdam's youths," he continues, "display certain traits from birth, such as a capacity for learning quickly and being creative, the will to take on a leading role,

determination and loyalty. Our technical work is based on personalities with such qualities. And discipline, first of all mental and then physical, is the key requirement for imbuing a player with the Ajax aura."

But football has more than psychological and educational sides to it. Clarence Seedorf, one of countless promising youngsters who blossomed under Ajax says, "The focus point of training sessions is the ball itself. Only those who show perfect control of the ball in every situation are selected. Control is enhanced by speeding up action with the ball. The ability to keep possession of the ball in spite of a fast pace is, after all, the deciding factor in who climbs the ladder. An Ajax ace is master of the ball and can see in a flash where and when he ought to pass it to a teammate who is in a better position than himself so as to keep up the attack. We move about with our heads held up, eyes wide open, keeping to our position but with the greatest possible space, ready to put any brainwaves into action."

Ajax uses only one formation: the 3-4-3 strategy is basic to every team in the club. "This is intended to facilitate integration into the senior team," comments Frank Rijkaard, "and young players have never experienced any trouble with this custom. It was Rinus Michels and then especially Cruyff who first set this pattern in the mid-80s. It gave them the opportunity

of fielding young, unknown players who were able to fit in immediately. The secret is in the fact that they know the mechanism of the game inside out. If you play for Ajax, it means that you are hardworking or else you wouldn't have survived all the selections year in, year out. In time, those who make the grade develop self-confidence and the feeling of belonging to one of the best with a background and training that justifies that feeling."

Edgar Davids, another Ajax creation, reflects on the whole concept. "When you rise to the senior squad, then you know you have succeeded where hundreds of others of the same age have failed. The constant, relentless rivalry strengthens you mentally. We have the cream of the country's players in our youth teams and all the other Dutch teams are forced to try every trick in the book to

THE STAR FACTORY

The list of Ajax players who have switched to rivals PSV Eindhoven or even ventured abroad to try their luck with one of the big European clubs is long and impressive:

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| — Surrendonk (Monaco, 1971) | — J. Olsen (Manchester United, 1984) |
| — Van Dick (Nice, 1972) | — Moelby (Liverpool, 1984) |
| — Cruyff (Barcelona, 1973) | — Ronald Koeman (Eindhoven, 1985) |
| — Neeskens (Barcelona, 1974) | — Vanenburg (Eindhoven, 1986) |
| — Haan (Anderlecht, 1975) | — Van Basten (Milan, 1987) |
| — Rep (Valencia, 1975) | — Silooy (Paris St Germain, 1987) |
| — Blankenburg (Hamburg, 1975) | — Rijkaard (Sporting Lisbon, 1988) |
| — Gerry Muhren (Seville, 1976) | — Rob Witschge (St Etienne, 1989) |
| — Suurbier (Schalke 04, 1977) | — Richard Witschge (Barcelona, 1991) |
| — Dusbada (Anderlecht, 1977) | — Winter (Lazio Rome, 1992) |
| — Tahamata (Standard Lüttich, 1980) | — Roy (Foggia, 1992) |
| — Krol (Vancouver/Naples, 1980) | — Van't Schip (Genoa, 1992) |
| — Blanker (Guimaraes, 1980) | — Bergkamp (Inter, 1993) |
| — Arnesen (Valencia, 1981) | — Jonk (Inter, 1993) |
| — La Ling (Panathinaikos Athens, 1982) | — Vink (Genoa, 1993) |
| — Kieft (Pisa, 1983) | — Petterson (Göteborg, 1994) |
| — Lerby (Bayern Munich, 1983) | — Petersen (Monaco, 1994) |
| | — Menzo (Eindhoven, 1994) |

compete with them. That's how you have to tackle every match, non-stop for a period of 10 years on the pitch, to qualify as one of the best. Every Ajax player feels

a little pride throughout his career and is determined to stay at the top. But he is always conscious of having to improve constantly because there are scores of

other equally gifted and motivated young players hovering in the wings ready to swoop into your place."

Frank and Ronald de Boer, are proof of the mentality of Amsterdam's youngsters. "Everyone born and bred here actually feels superior to the other inhabitants of the Netherlands, who are often considered to be behind the times. In the league, we often win on goal supremacy, which gives a conceited and arrogant impression. But that is the best attitude if you want to win every game. We don't feel superior to the others in everyday life at all, although we do walk around with our heads held high. But not because of vanity or arrogance. Cruyff and Van Basten were the same."

Michael Van Praag, the club's president and the son of Jaap van

Praag, the driving force behind Ajax' golden era, adds, "The legend of Cruyff draws youngsters to Ajax in droves but once they are there, they put it behind them. Then they start behaving professionally and concentrating on perfection down to the last detail of strategy. Our objective is to have a senior team, 70 per cent of which is made up of "home-made" players and to hear them playing soccer music that delights our fans, in other words, playing spectacular attacking football. Making the spectators happy is vital to our survival, considering that we aren't subsidised by the municipality of Amsterdam and don't fancy being taken over by an industrial company."

A COLOURFUL TEAM

Today, Ajax is, for the most part, made up of coloured players where-as Johan Cruyff's "dream team" in the early 70s comprised only white footballers. Lining up with Frank Rijkaard, the first coloured player ever to don the Ajax outfit in 1981, are actually seven other players who, although born in the Netherlands, trace their roots back to Surinam, the former colony situated in the northern part of South America.

Surinam was the first enclave to import slaves from Africa. They are a people with a sad past but their Ajax offspring, in terms of football, combine qualities of greatness: defenders Reizinger, Bogarde and Wijnard, midfielders Seedorf, Davids and Wouter and striker Kluyvert personify African strength, Brazilian talent and European culture.



Marco van Basten: One of the more notable prodigies of the Ajax school.

From men in top hats to kings of Europe

Ajax came to prominence as a major European force only after nearly 70 years' of worthy domestic success.

They grew from a meeting of half a dozen ambitious young footballers and a few interested businessmen in top hats at the East India Restaurant in Kalverstraat, now the Dutch capital's main shopping street, in March 1900.

Two years later the fledgling club was promoted to the Dutch third division, gained entry to the top flight by 1911, and won the league title in 1918 and 1919.

During the 1920s English trainer Jack Reynolds made his mark, founding the Ajax side which dominated the "Golden 1930s" when Ajax won the Dutch title

five times in nine years.

The arrival of professional soccer in the mid-1950s revolutionised the Dutch domestic scene and Ajax helped set up the premier league in 1956.

In 1958 the Amsterdam club entered the European Cup for the first time, but fortunes dipped and only the arrival of Rinus Michels as coach beat off the threat of relegation in 1964-65.

Michels then set about creating the all-conquering Ajax side of the 1970s. They won the league in 1966, 1967 and 1968 as the young Cruyff's skills blossomed.

In Europe, too, Ajax were becoming a force to be reckoned with, their exploits including a sensational 5-1 European Cup

win over English champions Liverpool on a famous foggy night in Amsterdam in 1966.

Three years later Ajax became the first Dutch side to reach the European Cup final, losing 4-1 to AC Milan.

But they were back just two seasons later and final wins against Panathinaikos (1971), Inter Milan (1972) and Juventus (1973) captured Europe's premier trophy in a blistering trilogy founded on the concept of "total football" where all players were comfortable on the ball in any position.

That side, built around Cruyff, Ruud Krol, Jan Neeskens, Arie Haan, Piet Keizer and Johnny Rep, went on to be

crowned World Club champions by beating South American champions Independiente in 1972.

Cruyff, Neeskens and others then succumbed to the lure of the peseta and Ajax returned to their tradition of nurturing fresh talent through the club's youth system.

This spawned the new home-grown generation of Rijkaard, Marco van Basten, John Bosman, Dennis Bergkamp, Bryan Roy and the de Boer twins.

The great Cruyff returned briefly as trainer and, in 1987, Ajax beat Locomotive Leipzig to capture the European Cup Winners' Cup.

By the start of the 1990s, Leo

Beenhakker had been installed as coach and Ajax claimed the championship for the 23rd time. But European competition was out of bounds in the wake of crowd trouble during a European tie against Austria Vienna.

The club returned to Europe in style in 1992 to win the UEFA Cup against Torino, making Ajax only the third club in Europe, with Juventus and Barcelona, to have won all three major cups.

Louis van Gaal was now coach and proceeded to build his own side, winning the Dutch Cup in 1993 and the championship in 1994.

The club has this season captured its 25th league title.

News From Around The GLOBE

BARCA FAVOURITE FOR UEFA PLACE

Barcelona's 4-1 win at bottom of the table Logrones on Sunday should secure it a UEFA Cup place next season.

Two goals from Jordi Cruyff and one each from Aitor Beguiristain and Josep Guardiola sealed the victory for the Catalans.

But with two games to go, last year's champion Barcelona may still have to fight to finish third with three teams in close pursuit.

Real Madrid took the title in style on Saturday, beating second place Deportivo Coruna 2-1 with a goal by Chilean Ivan Zamorano five minutes from the final whistle.

Barcelona has 44 points, three behind Deportivo Coruna, and are closely followed by European Cup winners' Cup champions Real Zaragoza, Real Betis and Sevilla all on 42 points.

Zaragoza were beaten at home by Sevilla thanks to a 48th minute goal from Gabriel Moya while Betis struggled to a 1-1 draw at home to Celta Vigo.

Next Sunday, Barcelona hosts Alacante while Betis and Sevilla face each other and Zaragoza travel to Athletic Madrid.

GASCOIGNE IBROX-BOUND

England midfielder Paul Gascoigne said he would be joining Scottish champions Rangers from Italian club Lazio, when he landed at Glasgow Airport on Saturday night.

Gascoigne arrived in Glasgow, after coming on as a second-half substitute in England's 2-1 win over Japan at Wembley, for

further talks with Rangers manager Walter Smith about his \$A11.17 million move. "I am Ibrox-bound," he declared.

And the 28-year-old former Newcastle and Tottenham star told the hordes of delighted Rangers fans who had arrived to greet him: "I am not interested in any other club now — it's Rangers for me."

Hours earlier, Gascoigne had sped away from Wembley after ending his 15-month exile from international football.

After arriving in Glasgow, the player confirmed that he expects the finishing touches to his transfer to be signed after a June 30 deadline.

Gascoigne said: "Everything has been agreed and I am coming to Rangers. The manager Walter Smith is looking after me and this is just a social night with him."

"But I expect to sign in the first week in July after it has all been sorted out," he added.

"Rangers have been very successful. They have won seven championships in a row in Scotland and I want to make that eight next season," said Gascoigne, as fans placed a red, white and blue scarf around his neck.

"Then it will be on to challenge and break Celtic's record run of nine in a row." He is expected to rejoin England's Umbro Cup squad this week for the matches against Sweden and Brazil.

COLE UNDER THE KNIFE

Manchester United star Andy Cole underwent an operation on Saturday to cure his persistent shin splints problem.

The operation on both calves forced the \$A15.69 million striker out of England's squad for this week's Umbro tournament against Brazil, Sweden and Japan.

The problem which



Andy Cole: Has undergone surgery to cure his shin-splint problem.

dogged him for much of last season flared up again during England's training session last week, forcing him to see a specialist amid fears he could be sidelined for several months.

BAGGIO ANGRY WITH JUVENTUS

Juventus and its skipper Roberto Baggio look certain to go their separate ways next season, after the talented playmaker fired a broadside at his club's top officials on Saturday.

Baggio, who said last week he would announce his decision on June 12 after the Italian Cup final second leg, looks to have made his feelings clear in the Corriere dello Sport newspaper.

Last year's FIFA

Footballer of the Year accused Juventus management of opening talks with Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti without his knowledge.

"I don't deserve to be treated like that," he said. "Juventus could have told me that I was no longer part of their plans and that I was free to leave. Instead they have been trying to make out that I want to leave over money."

Club and player have been trying to negotiate a new contract, but Juventus have reportedly offered a deal which would mean a pay cut.

Baggio meanwhile listed the clubs who have contacted him for next season — Real Madrid, Barcelona, Blackburn Rovers and Brazil's Flamengo, who have the other star of last year's World Cup, Romario.

(More Roberto Baggio see page 22)

ENGLAND STAR CLEARED OF ASSAULT

England star Dennis Wise, jailed for three months in March, was cleared on Friday of attacking a taxi driver because a judge did not consider the evidence of his alleged victim was watertight.

Wise, 28, successfully appealed against his conviction and three-month jail sentence for assaulting 65-year-old Gerald Graham in October and damaging his cab after leaving a central London drinking club owned by England manager Terry Venables.

After the verdict was announced Wise, out on bail pending his appeal, hugged his tearful girlfriend Geraldine Lennon as fans from his London club Chelsea applauded and cheered.

Judge Gerald Butler upheld the appeal by the fiery midfielder because he said he could not believe Graham's evidence "beyond reasonable doubt".

REAL MADRID CLINCH TITLE

Real Madrid clinched its first Spanish league title for five years when it beat Deportivo Coruna 2-1 in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Saturday.

Goals by Jose Amavisca in the first half and Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano five minutes from time were enough to halt arch-rivals Barcelona's run of league titles at four and bring the men in the famous all-white strip the 26th championship of their glorious history.

The victory gave Madrid 53 points and hoisted its six clear of Deportivo with only

two games left to play.

The Madrid triumph was put in doubt early in the second half when Deportivo's Brazilian striker Bebeto levelled the scores with a fierce right-foot shot. But Zamorano settled the issue with a typical drive while in full flight.

An ecstatic Zamorano knelt on the pitch for minutes after the final whistle, overcome by emotion.

He recovered to dedicate the win and his own 28th goal of the season to the Madrid fans, his family and to all his supporters in Chile.

The championship marked a notable achievement by Argentine coach Jorge Valdano, who brought Madrid the title in his first season with the club.

Valdano previously spent three years with Tenerife, who foiled Real's league ambitions by beating it in the final game of the season in 1992 and 1993.

MINNOW STUNS IRISH

Tiny Liechtenstein succeeded where former Group 6 leader Portugal failed by holding Republic of Ireland to a scoreless draw in a European championship qualifier on Friday.

Liechtenstein conceded 20 corners and all the territory but the Irish side's woeful finishing, particularly from recent Sporting Lisbon signing Niall Quinn, must have had the Portuguese club side regretting its flashing chequebook.

It was a remarkable performance by a team of amateurs from a country with a population of just 25,000.

Republic manager Jack Charlton was stunned: "I don't know what to say. What can you say? That result has done enormous

damage to our qualifying hopes and it will take a long time to get over it."

Liechtenstein even had two chances to snatch a remarkable victory but a volley by Daniel Telsner went narrowly wide and goalkeeper Alan Kelly blocked Alex Burgmaier's shot when he was sent clear in the 68th minute.

However, the home side's real hero was goalkeeper Martin Heeb who, at only five feet eight inches is small — but he stood tall among the green-shirted red-faced millionaires from Ireland.

Tony Cascarino showed he could have done a better job than Quinn when he came on, but Charlton obviously doesn't visit Marseille, for whom Cascarino has scored over 30 goals this season, too often.

Siege Staunton had two shots scrambled off the line and although ageing striker John Aldridge had the ball in the net in the 70th minute it was disallowed and Aldridge, displaying the lack of discipline that manifested itself in Orlando in last year's World Cup, was booked.

This performance against a minnow that had been beaten in previous qualifying matches 8-0 by Portugal in Lisbon and 7-0 by Austria shocked the travelling supporters but sporting as they are, they celebrated with the home fans for 20 minutes afterwards. Ireland's slip means that its match against Austria on Sunday week at Lansdowne Road will be crucial. A home win and this match will just become a minor inconvenience, a further defeat and then it would assume catastrophic consequences.

Liechtenstein though have justified its inclusion in the competition.

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP

David Platt penalty two minutes from time gave a hugely disappointing England a 2-1 win over Japan in the opening match of the International Challenge Cup tournament at Wembley on Saturday.

Japan, whose invention, commitment and effective defending gave it the moral victory on the day, was unlucky to finish with only 10 men after captain Tetsuji Hashiratani, who had an outstanding match, was sent off for handling the ball on the line to give away the match-winning penalty. He was the first player sent off in an international at Wembley for 18 years.

England, with four players making their international debuts including disappointing striker Stan Collymore, lacked invention in midfield, any real venom in front of goal and often looked uneasy at the

back.

But a curling Darren Anderton shot after 48 minutes and Platt's penalty in the dying minutes were enough to give the home side a win that had never looked likely.

Masami Ihara headed home Japan's goal at the near post after 62 minutes when the England defence failed to clear Kazuyoshi Miura's corner.

Japan were unlucky not to take the lead just two minutes later when Miura hit the post from 20 metres.

England began to look relatively inspired only when manager Terry Venables sent on Paul Gascoigne and Steve McManaman for the ineffectual David Batty and Peter Beardsley in midfield.

But overall the performance was very poor against one of the emerging nations in world soccer.

The incident that led to the winning goal was one of the

most exciting in the entire 90 minutes. A Stuart Pearce free-kick fell to Platt whose header was pushed on to the bar by Japanese goalkeeper Kazuya Maekawa.

The ball came out to debutant John Scales, whose shot was handled on the line by Hashiratani and turned harmlessly round the post. Platt duly converted the spotkick.

England manager Terry Venables put a brave face on it afterwards. "I thought we played some good football at times but there should have been more of it," he said.

"From a psychological point of view it was good to get a win. It's difficult for new players to come in. They usually need experienced lads around them to help them through."

Japan coach Shu Kamo said: "It's a good first step for us towards the first class of football. At the moment we

are in the second class but in the near future we can get better. It was a very good experience for us."

ENGLAND: 1-Tim Flowers, 12-Gary Neville, 14-Stuart Pearce, 4-David Batty (17-Steve McManaman 68th minute), 5-John Scales, 15-David Unsworth, 7-David Platt, 8-Peter Beardsley (19-Paul Gascoigne 68th), 6-Stan Collymore (22-Teddy Sheringham 76th), 9-Alan Shearer, 11-Darren Anderton JAPAN: 13-Kazuya Maekawa, 5-Tetsuji Hashiratani, 4-Masami Ihara, 2-Akira Narahashi, 6-Motohiro Yamaguchi, 20-Naoki Soma (3-Hiroshige Yanagimoto 74th), 15-Hiroaki Morishima (16-Masahiro Fukuda 80th), 19-Kazuaki Tasaka, 8-Tsuyoshi Kitazawa, 14-Masashi Nakayama (9-Hisahi Kurosaki 65th), 11-Kazuyoshi Miura REFEREE: Jaap Uilenberg (Netherlands)

A 42nd minute goal, slotted home by Edmundo after a superb passing move that split the defence, gave Brazil a 1-0 win over Sweden in their opening International Challenge Cup match at Villa Park on Sunday.

The move, which was started by skipper Dunga, carried on with Zinho sending an angled pass to Roberto Carlos whose first-time ball back into the box left Edmundo with a simple chance to tap in at the far post.

The world champion, fielding four of the team that won the World Cup last year in the United States, dominated the match virtually from start to finish. It was unlucky not to win by a more comprehensive margin against a Swedish side that has noticeably deteriorated since losing to Brazil in the World Cup semi-finals.

Ronaldo, the precocious 18-year-old who has scored 30 goals for PSV Eindhoven in the Netherlands, had a golden opportunity to double Brazil's tally six minutes from time but headed against the post with goalkeeper Bengt Andersson beaten.

The star of the Brazilian team, a mixture of outstanding youngsters and experienced

World Cup campaigners, was 22-year-old Juninho who played with a strength, vision and maturity which belies his slight frame.

He continually created space and opportunities for his team mates and, when he was unable to find them, carried the ball himself with surprising pace and power.

In comparison, Sweden looked leaden-footed and short of ideas and had only a few half chances over the 90 minutes.

Although Brazil were without star performers like Romario and Bebeto, who scored eight goals between them in the World Cup, they proved to a warmly appreciative 20,000 crowd that their production line of talent shows no signs of slowing.

Brazil beat Sweden 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in their International Challenge Cup soccer match at Villa Park.

Scorer: Edmundo (42nd minute)

Attendance: 20,131

* England beat Japan 2-1 (halftime 0-0) in the opening match of the four-nation International Challenge tournament at Wembley on Saturday.

Scorers: England - Darren Anderton (48th minute), David Platt (88th-penalty) Japan - Masami Ihara (62nd)

Attendance: 21,142.

News From Around The Globe

CANTONA COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED

Eric Cantona has completed his 120 hours of community service for assaulting a Crystal Palace fan during a soccer match in January, the Manchester probation service said last week.

The Manchester United star and former French captain was sentenced to two weeks in jail after pleading guilty to the assault charge but had his sentence commuted to 120 hours of teaching football skills to children after winning his appeal in March. Cantona, currently banned from playing until the end of September for assaulting the fan, has signed a new contract keeping him at the Old Trafford club until June 1998.

Cantona had coached a total of 732 children from dozens of schools and junior football clubs. The children he coached ranged in age from nine to 11.

FUTRE BACK

Striker Paulo Futre was brought back into the Portuguese national squad for a European championship qualifier against Latvia this Saturday after a long absence due to a knee injury.

Futre, who plays for Italian first division Reggiana, was out of the game for 18 months and underwent two operations on his left knee before returning in April.

Goalkeepers - Vitor Baia (Porto), Adelino Neno (Benfica)

Defenders - Jorge Costa (Porto), Paulinho Santos (Porto), Helder Cristovao (Benfica), Fernando Couto (Parma, Italy), Fernando Nelson (Sporting), Filipe Ramos (Sporting)

Midfielders - Rui Costa (Fiorentina, Italy), Paulo Sousa (Juventus, Italy), Luis Figo (Sporting)

Forwards - Paulo Alves (Maritimo), Carlos Seculheiro (Porto), Antonio Folha (Porto), Domingos Oliveira (Porto), Sa Pinto (Sporting), Pedro Barbosa (Guimaraes), Paulo Futre (Reggiana, Italy).

FIFA GRANT PALESTINE FRIENDLIES

Palestine have been granted provisional membership of FIFA.

However Palestine, like Bosnia-Herzegovina another provisional member, will only be allowed to play friendlies and will not be eligible to play in the World Cup.

Palestine was last a full member of FIFA in 1949 when its team consisted of Eastern European immigrants but with the recognition of Israel in 1950 their membership

Gullit joins Premier League

Dutch star Ruud Gullit (right) confirmed he had signed a two-year deal with English premier league club Chelsea on a free transfer from Italy's Sampdoria.

The move is expected to cost Chelsea \$A3.34 million with Gullit earning around \$A33,400 a week.

"Chelsea have offered me the opportunity of a new challenge after eight years in Italy, where I won everything I wanted to. Now I am looking forward to coming to England and playing my football there," Gullit, 32, said by telephone from Italy.

He said one of his main motives for joining the club was Chelsea manager Glenn Hoddle's agreement to play him as a sweeper, the position in which he started his career in the Netherlands before switching to a striker's role and scoring 16 goals in 66 internationals for his country.

Hoddle set the spectacular deal in motion when he was in Italy last week after losing out in the bidding for Paul Gascoigne.

But Chelsea's managing director Colin Hutchinson said: "Gullit was always Glenn's first choice and naturally we are delighted to have got him. "He could have gone anywhere in the world with offers from Turkey, Germany, France, Holland — even America."

Gullit's signature will cost Chelsea nothing as he is out of contract with Sampdoria but the man who has twice won the European Cup with AC



Milan was at liberty to negotiate lucrative personal terms.

Gullit's arrival in London will go some way to making up for the disappointment of German striker Juergen Klinsmann's decision to leave Tottenham after only one season.

England captain David Platt, a team mate of Gullit's at Sampdoria, said:

"I know Ruud was impressed when he met Glenn Hoddle. He played against him in the past and likes his ideas about the game."

"Two years ago, it was impossible to think of the likes of Klinsmann and Gullit going to England. Klinsmann paved the way and I think Ruud will do even better for Chelsea."

RAVELLI EQUALS SHILTON

Thomas Ravelli equaled Peter Shilton's record for a goalkeeper when he played his 125th international for Sweden against Iceland in a European Championship qualifier.

Ravelli, 35, is Sweden's most-capped player. Shilton was considered the world's most-capped player until the international football federation, FIFA, discovered in January that Saudi Arabia's Majed Abdullah had played 147 internationals.

FA CUP HERO DIES, 44

Former FA Cup final hero Bobby Stokess died at his home aged 44 last Wednesday.

Stokes, who scored the winner in second division Southampton's shock victory over Manchester United at Wembley in 1976, was found unconscious and died later. He made more than 200 appearances for Southampton before playing for hometown club Portsmouth and in America with Washington Diplomats.

He ran a harbour cafe in Portsmouth at the time of his death.

HAIFA WIN ISRAELI CUP

Maccabi Haifa beat Hapoel Haifa 2-0 in Israel's Cup final last Wednesday to qualify for next season's European Cup Winners' Cup.

ANDERSSON SET FOR BARI

Swedish international striker Kennet Andersson is set to leave relegated French club Caen for Italian Serie A side, Bari — unless he gets an offer from the English Premiership.

Andersson and his agent Vincenzo Morabito told the Swedish news agency TT that both Caen and Bari were close to an agreement.

However, the player added he would rather move to England.

DUTCH FANS IDENTIFIED

Dutch football fans will have to carry identity cards next season announced the Dutch Football Federation last week. The cards will be issued by each of the 18 first division clubs.

The decision comes after a joint initiative by five Dutch teams including European and league champions Ajax and the Club Orientated Ticketing Authorisation System for Stadiums (COTASS) which has developed the system.

The Dutch Football Federation will also issue special orange cards that will allow fans to buy tickets for international matches. The 'international' cards will first be used for the Holland-Norway Group 5 European qualifying match on November 15.

2002 WORLD CUP

Intense lobbying by South Korea and Japan has forced FIFA, to bring forward the date for selecting the host for the 2002 World Cup finals.

We will make the decision in January or

February," FIFA spokesman Marius Schneider said. "The lobbying is very intense and causing bad feeling all round so we feel it would be better for everyone if a decision was taken as soon as possible."

FIFA had originally planned to select the first Asian hosts for the finals in June next year. Kim Sang Jin, said he was vice-president of the South Korean soccer association, unhappy with the decision as the Koreans began campaigning after the Japanese.

PROMOTIONS & RELEGATIONS

English Premier League: Champion — Blackburn Relegated — Crystal Palace, Norwich, Leicester, Ipswich English Division One: Promoted —

Middlesbrough, Bolton Relegated — Swindon Town, Burnley, Bristol City, Notts County English Division Two: Promoted — Birmingham City, Huddersfield Relegated — Cambridge Utd, Plymouth, Cardiff, Chester, Leyton Orient English Division Three: Promoted — Carlisle, Walsall, Chesterfield Scottish Premier Division: Champions — Rangers Play-off — Aberdeen won to secure Premiership place Relegated — Dundee United Scottish Division One: Promoted — Raith Relegated — Ayr, Stranraer Scottish Division Two: Promoted — Greenock, Morton, Dumbarton Relegated — Meadowbank, Brechin Scottish Division Three: Promoted — Forfar, Montrose

Baggio could leave Juventus

He is one of the most popular and highest-paid Italian players.

Yet Roberto Baggio's contract has ended, and he may face a difficult transfer negotiation next month unless he accepts a cut in the multi-million dollar salary he receives to play for Juventus of Turin.

The Agnelli auto tycoons, who own the Turin team, are committed to cutting costs for the 1995-96 soccer season, including halving Baggio's yearly fee of nearly four billion lire (\$A3.49 million) — plus bonuses and fringe benefits.

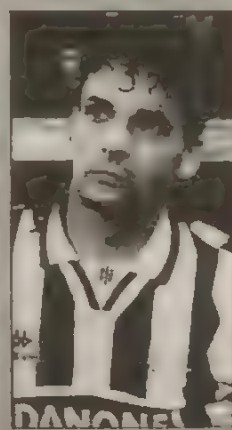
Baggio, whose contract with Juve expires June 30, is reluctant to leave the team he helped win the Italian league title, particularly because the team will play in the Champions Cup next season.

Baggio, voted the best European player for 1993 after his decisive goals and moves with Juve in the UEFA Cup, has never played in the Champion's Cup in his 10 years as a pro. But he does not want a cut in pay and may take another offer. Roma and Internazionale of Milan have expressed interest in Baggio, whose transfer fee under current Italian rules would reach as high as 21 billion lire (\$A18.13 million).

The amount is almost prohibitive for most Italian clubs, considering that Baggio is asking for a three-year contract for \$A10.46 million.

Some Japanese clubs and Spain's Real Madrid also have talked to Baggio's agent, the daily Milan newspaper Corriere della Sera reported.

Clubs in the newly



Roberto Baggio: Pay cut or leave.

founded but rich Japanese pro league can offer Baggio up to \$A11.16 million for a two-year contract, the newspaper reported. But a transfer to Japan would dim Baggio's popularity in Europe and jeopardize his future with the Italian national team.

Baggio is to be Italy's key player in the next European Championships.

His goals were decisive in Italy's qualification for the World Cup final against Brazil in 1994.

Real Madrid, which won the Spanish title, can offer Baggio a lower contract than the Japanese but a European stage in the next Champions League.

Baggio said he will talk of his future — and of a possible transfer — after the June 11 Italian Cup final against Parma.

The Turin club has reasons other than money for letting Baggio go.

The 28-year-old forward is injury-prone and was sidelined by a knee problem for three months this season. In addition, the young and talented Alessandro Del Piero proved himself when he filled in for the injured star.

SERIE A

SERIE A STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Juventus	34	23	4	7	59	32	73
Lazio	34	19	6	9	69	34	63
Parma	34	18	9	7	51	31	63
Milan	34	17	9	8	53	32	60
Roma	34	16	11	7	46	25	59
Inter	34	14	10	10	39	34	52
Napoli	34	13	12	9	40	45	51
Sampdoria	34	13	11	10	51	37	50
Cagliari	34	13	10	11	40	39	49
Fiorentina	34	12	11	11	61	57	47
Torino	34	12	9	13	44	48	45
Bari	34	12	8	14	40	43	44
Cremonese	34	11	8	15	35	38	41
Genoa	34	10	10	14	34	49	40
Padova	34	12	4	18	37	58	40
Foggia	34	8	10	16	32	50	34
Reggiana	34	4	6	24	24	56	18
Brescia	34	2	6	26	18	65	12

Last minute winner sends Inter to Europe

A last minute goal by striker **Marco Delvecchio** gave Internazionale a 2-1 win over Padova to send his team into Europe and force the losers into a relegation play-off against Genoa.

Delvecchio headed a Ruben Sosa corner into the net although the ball looked as if it would have crossed the line without the young striker's touch.

The victory ensured Inter of sixth place in the table and qualification for the UEFA Cup.

But it was a cruel blow for Padova, who were promoted just 12 months ago after a 32-year absence from the top flight. To make matters worse they had striker Giuseppe Galderisi dismissed for dissent in injury time.

Padova and Genoa finish level in the fourth relegation spot on 40 points and now meet in a one-off clash on a neutral venue to decide who will face the drop along with Brescia, Reggiana and Foggia.

Genoa beat Torino 1-0 with Czech Tomas Shuhravy grabbing the winner three minutes after half-time.

Padova took the lead in the 20th minute at the San Siro, winger Filippo Maniero sending a diving header past goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca.

Inter, without Dutchmen



Alessandro Del Piero: The youngster looks set to fill Robbie Baggio's boots next season at Juve.

Dennis Bergkamp and Wim Jonk who are away on international duty, levelled the score in the 65th minute when a shot from midfielder Pierluigi Orlandini squeezed past goalkeeper Adriano Bonaiuti.

Bonaiuti was also partly at fault for the winner, Delvecchio getting in front of him to glance Sosa's inswinging corner into the

net.

That winner was also a huge disappointment to Napoli, who would otherwise have claimed the last UEFA Cup spot.

Napoli beat Parma 1-0 at the San Paolo, striker Massimo Agostini scoring the only goal from the penalty spot in the 25th minute.

Parma's Swedish midfielder

Tomas Brodin was sent off for deliberate handball in the penalty incident, having handled Colombian Freddy Rincon's shot on the line.

Champions Juventus finished the season in style, beating Cagliari 3-1 with goals from Alessandro Del Piero, Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli.

Lazio midfielder Leonardo Colucci scored in the 85th minute to give his team a 1-0 win over Brescia and allow it to steal second place from Parma.

Parma, who meets Juventus in the two-leg Italian Cup final on June 7 and 11, will play in the Cup Winners' Cup next season irrespective of who wins the Italian trophy.

Juventus, champions for the first time since 1986, will play in the European Cup while big city clubs Lazio, Milan, Roma and Inter will play in the UEFA Cup.

Milan, champions for the last three years, finished fourth after ending the season with a 2-1 win over Fiorentina. Argentine Gabriel Batistuta scored for the Florence club to end the campaign as the league's leading scorer with 26 goals.

His compatriot Abel Balbo struck a hat-trick as Roma, who finished fifth, won 5-2 at Cremonese. Balbo ended with 22 goals, making him second top scorer.

SERIE A - ROUND 34

INTER.....2 PADOVA.....1
 INTER: Pagliuca, bergomi, Conte, Orlandini, Festa, M. Paganin (Dell'Anno 46), Bianchi, Berti, Delvecchio, Fontolan, Sosa.
 PADOVA: Bonaiuti, Balleri, Gabrieli, Franceschetti, Cuicchi, Lalas, Nunziata, Zoratto, Galderisi, Longhi (Coppola 55), Maniero (Fontana 66).
 SCORERS: Maniero 20, Orlandini 65, Delvecchio 90.
FIorentina.....1 MILAN.....2
 FIORENTINA: Toldo, Pioli, Carbone (Cimarelli 30), Santos, Sottili, Malusci, Campolo, Di Mauro, Batistuta, Flach (Rui Costa 62), Zanetti.
 MILAN: Rossi, Tassotti, Panucci, Albertini (Orlando 70), Galli, Maldini, Eranio, Donadoni, Melli (Di Canio 71), Lentini, Simone.
 SCORERS: Melli 4, Batistuta 43, Simone 79.
JUVENTUS.....3 CAGLIARI.....1
 JUVENTUS: Rampulla, Ferrara, Orlando (Fusi 70), Tacchinardi, Porrini, Marocchi, Di Livio, Deschamps, Vialli, Del Piero, Ravanelli.
 CAGLIARI: Fiori, Pancaro (Beretta 22), Pusceddu, Villa, Napoli, Firicano, Bisoli, Herrera, Dely Valdes, Allegri, Muzzi.
 SCORERS: Del Piero 20, Allegri 60, Vialli 66, Ravanelli 89.
CREM.....2 ROMA.....5
 CREMONESE: Turci, Garzya, Milanese, Pedroni, Dall'igna, Verdelli, Chiesa, Giandebiaggi, Nicolini, Sciosa, Tentoni.
 ROMA: Cervone, Benedetti, Lanna, Petrucci, Capioli, Carboni, Moriero, Piacentini, Balbo, Giannini, Fonseca.
 SCORERS: Balbo 12, 49 & 80, Chiesa 25, Sciosa 56, Capioli 69 & 90.
GENOA.....1 TORINO.....0
 GENOA: Spagnolo, Torrente, Marcolin, Caricola, Galante, Signorini, Ruotolo, Manicone, Onorati (Pagliarini 17), Skuhravy, Ciocci (Castorina 46).
 TORINO: Simoni (Piazza 37), Angloma, Lorenzini, Falcone (Sogliano 10, Cyprien, Maltagliati, Rizzitelli, Scenza, bernardini, Pele, Sinigaglia (Briano 37).
 SCORER: Skuhravy 3.
BARI.....1 SAMPDORIA.....2
 BARI: Fontana, Montanari, Annoni, Gerson, Amoruso, Ricci, Gautieri (Alessio 58), Pedone, Tovalieri, Gerson, Protti.
 SAMPDORIA: Zenga, Gullit, Sacchetti, Invernizzi, Vierchowod, Mihajlovic, Lombardo, Jugovic, Serena, Mancini, Bellucci (Salsano 70).
 SCORERS: Mihajlovic 28, Mancini 43, Amoruso 69.
NAPOLI.....1 PARMA.....0
 NAPOLI: Tagliatela, Pari, Tarantino, Bordin, Matrecano, Sbrizzo, Buso, Rincon, Agostini, Imbriani (Carbone 46), Pecchia.
 PARMA: Galli, Benarrivo, Mussi, Minotti, Apolloni, Sensini, Brodin, Baggio (Fiore 65), Crippa, Zola, Branca.
 SCORER: Agostini 25.
LAZIO.....1 BRESCIA.....0
 LAZIO: Marchegiani, Negro, Favalli, Venturin, Bacci, Chamot, Rambaudi, Fuser, Boksic (Casiraghi 75), Colucci, Signori.
 BRESCIA: Ballotta, Francini, Giunta, Baronio, Baronechelli, Bonometti, Schenardi, Piovanelli, Neri, Gallo, Nappi.
 SCORER: Colucci 89.
REGGIANA.....1 FOGGIA.....1
 REGGIANA: Antonoli, Mozzini, Zanutta, Cherubini, Gregucci, Mazzola, Falco, Brambilla, Taribello, De Agostini, Simutenkov (Sgarbossa 70).
 FOGGIA: Mancini, Bianchini, Padalino, Nicoli, Di Biagio, Caini, Marazzina, Bressan, Kolyanov, Giacobbo, Mandelli.
 SCORERS: Simutenkov 39, Kolyanov 68.

GOALSCORERS

SERIE A

26 — Batistuta (Fiorentina)
 22 — Balbo (Roma)
 19 — Zola (Parma), Rizzitelli (Torino)
 17 — Signori (Lazio), Tovalieri (Bari), Simone (Milan), Vialli (Juve)
 15 — Ravanelli (Juve)

SERIE B - ROUND 37

Ascoli.....1 Udinese.....5
 Cesena.....3 Ancona.....2
 Chievo V.....1 Vicenza.....4
 Cosenza.....1 Atalanta.....1
 F. Andria.....2 Venezia.....2
Lecce.....4 Pescara.....5
 Palermo.....3 Como.....3
 Perugia.....2 Acireale.....2
 Piacenza.....1 Verona.....0
 Salernitana.....1 Lucchese.....1

SERIE B STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Piacenza	37	19	14	4	55	26	71
Udinese	37	18	13	6	60	34	67
Vicenza	37	16	17	4	48	23	65
Atalanta	37	16	15	6	47	35	63
Salernitana	37	16	13	8	56	38	61
Ancona	37	15	10	12	51	47	55
Perugia	37	12	18	7	44	31	54
Cesena	37	12	15	10	41	37	51
Venezia	37	13	8	16	44	43	47
Verona	37	10	15	12	35	40	45
Palermo	37	10	14	13	33	33	44
F. Andria	37	8	20	9	35	38	44
Chievo V.	37	10	13	14	35	38	43
Pescara	37	10	13	14	48	63	43
Cosenza	37	11	18	8	37	33	42
Lucchese	37	7	18	12	48	54	39
Acireale	37	9	11	17	25	41	38
Ascoli	37	7	13	17	27	52	34
Como	37	7	11	19	25	58	32
Lecce	37	5	9	23	35	65	24

SERIE A -

THE WINNERS & LOSERS

1994/95

Champions: Juventus

UEFA Cup places: Lazio, AC Milan, Roma, Internazionale.

Parma, who still have to play Juventus in the Italian Cup final, will contest next season's Cup Winners' Cup.

Relegated: Brescia, Reggiana, Foggia. Padova and Genoa must meet in a play-off to decide the last relegation spot.

Test Your Knowledge

ANSWERS

- (1) Leeds United
- (2) Louis Van Gaal
- (3) Real Madrid
- (4) Blackburn Rovers
- (5) Sebastian Rasmussen
- (6) Diego Maradona
- (7) Jorge Burdich
- (8) Ian Rush
- (9) Gary Lincker
- (10) Tony Popovic

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WORLD RESULTS AND TABLES

CROATIAN PREMIER DIVISION

— June 4 —

Final Table

Hajduk.....3	Osijek.....0
Sibenik.....1	Croatia.....3
Istra.....2	Inker.....2
Marsonia.....2	Belisce.....0
Rijeka.....0	Segesta.....0
Cibalia.....4	Primorac.....2
Zagreb.....1	Varteks.....2
Zadar.....2	Neretva.....0

TABLE

Hajduk	30	19	8	3	68	26	65
Croatia	30	19	7	4	53	26	64
Osijek	30	16	11	3	65	30	59
Zagreb	30	14	11	5	41	26	53
Marsonia	30	13	8	9	42	32	47
Varteks	30	11	10	9	35	27	43
Inker	30	11	6	13	41	41	39
Segesta	30	10	8	12	32	31	38
Sibenik	30	9	10	11	44	46	37
Cibalia	30	9	10	11	26	33	37
Rijeka	30	8	10	12	22	32	34
Istra	30	8	8	14	30	46	32
Zadar	30	7	10	13	33	47	31
Primorac	30	7	10	13	27	49	31
Neretva	30	4	11	15	20	44	23
Belisce	30	4	4	22	26	69	16

NOTE: Hajduk of Split goes on to win the Croatian premier division championship having clinched the Croatian Cup last Sunday.

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

— June 4 —

Logrones 1 (Silvio 33rd minute) **Barcelona 4** (Beguiristain 12th minute, Jordi 45th, 76th, Guardiola 47th). Half time 1-2. Attendance 12,000.

Racing Santander 2 (Mutiu 45th, Setien 71st) **Tenerife 1** (Latorre 18th). 1-1. Atten. 14,000.

Real Betis 1 (Marquez 27th) **Celta 1** (own goal by Jaime 2nd). 1-1. Attendance 18,500.

Sporting Gijon 1 (Lediakov 31st) **Real Sociedad 2** (Elxerria 55th and 66th). 1-0.

Albacete 1 (Zalazar 30th) **Valladolid 0**. 1-0. Attendance 8,000.

Compostela 2 (Ohen 51st, Christensen 65th) **Atletico Madrid 1** (Vaiencia 79th). 0-0.

Real Zaragoza 0 **Sevilla 1** (Moya 49th). 0-0. Attendance 32,000.

Athletic Bilbao 1 (Guerrero 86th) **Oviedo 0**. 0-0. Attendance 25,000.

Real Madrid 2 (Amavisca 38th minute, Zamorano 84th) **Deportivo Coruna 1** (Bebeto 68th). 1-0. Attendance 107,000.

Espanol 5 (Lardin 15th minute, 26th, Francisco 29th, 56th, Roberto 59th) **Valencia 1**. 3-0. Attendance 30,000.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 3 Qualifier

Sweden and Iceland drew 1-1 (halftime 1-1) on Thursday.

Scorers:

Sweden - Tomas Brolin (16th minute, penalty)

Iceland - Arnar Gunnlaugsson (3rd)

Attendance: 25,676

TABLE

Turkey	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Switzerland	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Sweden	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Hungary	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Iceland	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

Next match: June 11 - Iceland v Hungary.

Group 6 Qualifier

Portugal beat Latvia 3-2 (halftime 3-0).

Scorers - Portugal: Luis Figo (fifth minute), Carlos Secretario (19th), Domingos Oliveira (20th) Latvia: Vladimir Babicev (51st), Vitas Rimkus (85th)

Attendance: 40,000

TABLE

Portugal	6	5	0	1	17	5	15
Ireland	6	4	2	0	13	1	14
Northern Ireland	6	3	1	2	9	9	10
Austria	5	3	0	2	17	3	9
Latvia	5	1	0	5	4	15	3
Liechtenstein	7	0	1	6	1	28	1

Next match: June 7 - Northern Ireland v Latvia.

TABLE

Real Madrid	36	22	9	5	74	27	53
Deportivo Coruna	36	18	11	7	55	30	47
Barcelona	36	17	10	9	58	44	44
Real Zaragoza	36	18	6	12	54	47	42
Real Betis	36	13	16	7	42	24	42
Sevilla	36	16	10	10	52	37	42
Espanol	36	14	13	9	50	34	41
Athletic Bilbao	36	15	10	11	38	40	40
Real Oviedo	36	12	13	11	44	40	37
Real Sociedad	36	12	13	11	56	43	37
Valencia	36	12	11	13	47	45	35
Tenerife	36	13	8	15	55	53	34
Celta	36	10	14	12	33	46	34
Atletico Madrid	36	12	8	16	52	52	32
Racing Santander	36	11	10	15	39	47	32
Compostela	36	10	12	14	41	52	32
Albacete	36	9	14	13	41	53	32
Sporting Gijon	36	8	12	16	41	63	28
Real Valladolid	36	7	9	20	22	61	23
Logrones	36	2	9	25	15	71	13

AUSTRIAN FIRST DIVISION

— June 4 —

Admira Wacker.....1	Sturm Graz.....2
FC Tirol.....6	LASK.....1
FC Linz.....0	VFB Moedling.....3
Vorwaerts Steyr.....0	Rapid Vienna.....1
Austria Vienna.....0	Austria Salzburg.....1

TABLE

Austria Salzburg	34	14	17	3	46	22	45
Austria Vienna	34	16	11	7	57	30	43
Rapid Vienna	34	18	7	9	58	48	43
Sturm Graz	34	16	11	7	50	40	43
FC Tirol	34	14	9	11	57	42	37
LASK	34	12	11	11	43	43	35
Vorwaerts Steyr	34	9	11	14	39	45	29
Admira Wacker	34	9	11	14	44	54	29
FC Linz	34	5	10	19	33	75	20
VFB Moedling	34	4	8	22	27	55	16

GREECE'S FIRST DIVISION

— June 4 —

Final Table

Kavala.....1	Xanthi.....4
Aris.....2	Panionios.....0
Athinaikos.....1	PAOK.....2
Olympiakos.....4	Larissa.....3
OFI.....1	AEK.....2
Panathinaikos.....5	Doxa.....0
Ionikos.....0	Ethnikos.....3
Levadiakos.....1	Apollon.....2
Edessaikos.....1	Iraklis.....3

TABLE

Panathinaikos	34	26	5	3	83	21	83
Olympiakos	34	20	7	7	69	31	67
PAOK	34	20	5	9	55	29	65
Apollon	34	20	3	11	61	37	63
AEK	34	17	11	6	61	33	62
Iraklis	34	18	8	8	62	38	62
Aris	34	19	5	10	46	34	62
Xanthi	34	14	8	12	52	55	50
OFI	34	15	4	15	40	38	49
Edessaikos	34	13	3	18	45	54	42
Larissa	34	11	7	16	41	46	40
Athinaikos	34	10	10	14	29	35	40
Ethnikos	34	10	9	15	38	48	39
Panionios	34	10	6	18	36	58	36
Ionikos	34	9	7	18	27	53	34
Doxa	34	8	5	21	28	71	29
Levadiakos	34	5	5	24	21	67	20
Kavala	34	5	4	25	27	75	19

HUNGARIAN FIRST DIVISION

— June 4 —

Ferencvaros.....3	Debrecen.....3
BVSC.....1	Csepel-Kordax.....1
UTE.....1	Nagykanizsa.....0
Stadler FC.....1	Vasas.....1
Parmalat FC.....5	EMDSZ.....0
Bekescsaba.....0	Vac.....0
Zalaegerszeg.....1	PMSC.....4
Gyor.....1	Kispest.....1

TABLE

Ferencvaros TC	28	17	7	4	59	37	58
UTE-Novabau	28	15	6	7	57	32	51
BVSC-Dreher	28	14	4	10	48	39	46
Debrecen VSC	28	13	7	8	42	34	46
Kispest-Honved FC	28	13	6	9	56	39	45
Bekescsaba EFC	28	10	14	4	42	29	44
PMSC-Fordan	28	11	6	11	32	37	39
Zalaegerszeg TE	28	11	6	11	46	54	39
Stadler FC	28	8	9	11	25	33	33

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP

England.....2	Japan.....1
Sweden.....0	Brazil.....1

TABLE

England	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Brazil	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Japan	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Remaining matches: June 6 - Brazil v Japan (Goodison Park, Liverpool), June 8 - England v Sweden (Elland Road, Leeds), June 10 - Sweden v Japan (City Ground, Nottingham), June 11 - England v Brazil (Wembley).

DANISH LEAGUE

— May 29 —

Aalborg	11	6	3	2	25	11	28
Broendby	11	5	3	3	19	13	27
Silkeborg	11	6	2	3	20	10	23
Aarhus	11	5	2	4	15	17	20
Odense	11	3	2	6	15	21	20
Lyngby	11	4	1	6	15	23	19
Naestved	11	2	4	5	14	19	17
FC Copenhagen	11	3	3	5	16	25	17

Note: Points include those from Autumn part of season.

CHINESE LEAGUE

— May 29 —

August First.....4	Shanghai.....2
Qingdao.....1	Tianjin.....0
Guangdong.....1	Shandong.....1
Dalian.....1	Sichuan.....1
Yanbian.....0	Guangzhou.....1
Liaoning.....0	Beijing.....1

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

— May 31 —

Lyon.....1	Nantes.....1
Paris St Germain.....2	Le Havre.....2
Auxerre.....1	Strasbourg.....0
Lille.....3	Lens.....1
Metz.....2	Monaco.....0
Nice.....0	Bordeaux.....2
Bastia.....6	Cannes.....3
Martigues.....2	Montpellier.....1
Rennes.....2	St Etienne.....2
Caen.....3	Sochaux.....1

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

— May 31 —

Final Standings

Nantes	38	21	16	1	71	34	79
Lyon	38	19	12	7	56	38	69
Paris St Germain	38	20	7	11	57	41	67
Auxerre	38	15	17	6	59	34	62
Lens	38	15	14	9	48	44	59
Monaco	38	15	12	11	60	39	57
Bordeaux	38	16	9	13	52	47	57
Metz	38	16	8	14	50	44	56
Cannes	38	15	8	15	56	48	53
Strasbourg	38	13	12	13	43	43	51
Martigues	38	13	12	13	37	49	51
Le Havre	38	12	13	13	46	48	49
Rennes	38	12	12	14	53	55	48
Lille	38	13	9	16	29	44	48
Bastia	38	11	11	16	44	56	44
Nice	38	11	10	17	39	52	43
Montpellier	38	9	14	15	38	53	41
St Etienne	38	9	11	18	45	55	38
Caen	38	10	6	22	38	58	36
Sochaux	38	6	5	27	29	68	23

SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP

— May 31 —

Basle.....1	Neuchatel Xamax.....2
Lausanne.....1	Grasshoppers.....3
Lugano.....0	Aarau.....0
Lucerne.....3	Sion.....2

TABLE

Grasshoppers	12	9	2	1	25	9	36
Lugano	12	4	5	3	18	15	26
Neuchatel	12	5	3	4	21	14	25
Sion	12	5	2	5	21	20	24
Aarau	12	3	4	5	12	15	23
Lucerne	12	5	3	4	11	15	23
Basle	12	6	0	6	18	17	22
Lausanne	12	1	1	10	8	28	15

FIFA WORLD RANKINGS

Team	Points April 95	Team	Points April 95
1 Brazil	66.26	92 Macedonia	20.58
2 Italy	62.04	93 Angola	20.53
3 Spain	61.29	94 Korea DPR	20.38
4 Germany	60.53	95 Malaysia	18.72
5 Sweden	60.43	96 Burkina Faso	18.62
6 Norway	59.24	97 Ethiopia	18.38
7 Netherlands	59.02	98 Hong Kong	18.13
8 Argentina	58.66	99 Albania	18.03
9 Mexico	57.69	100 Georgia	18.02
10 Romania	57.04	101 Paraguay	18.01
11 Ireland Republic	56.73	102 Congo	17.59
12 Switzerland	56.22	103 New Zealand	17.15
13 Bulgaria	55.34	104 Mauritania	16.89
14 Portugal	54.71	105 Yemen	16.26
15 Denmark	54.48	106 Singapore	15.98
16 Colombia	52.39	107 Sudan	15.39
17 Russia	51.50	108 Gambia	15.08
18 France	51.04	109 Liberia	14.52
19 Nigeria	49.84	110 Madagascar	14.35
20 England	49.52	111 India	14.03
21 Belgium	48.22	112 Moldova	13.76
22 USA	47.04	113 Luxembourg	13.61
23 Greece	46.74	114 Namibia	13.11
24 Tunisia	45.79	115 Estonia	13.05
25 Saudi Arabia	45.16	116 Turkmenistan	13.01
26 Egypt	44.47	117 Bermuda	12.91
27 Ghana	44.14	118 Syria	12.86
28 Zambia	43.84	119 Surinam	12.67
29 Uruguay	43.47	120 Belarus	12.44
30 Czech Republic	43.39	121 Fiji	11.76
31 Scotland	43.39	122 Jordan	11.33
32 Morocco	42.42	123 Venezuela	11.23
33 Japan	42.22	124 Guinea-Bissau	11.05
34 Poland	41.55	125 Myanmar	10.99
35 Korea Republic	41.50	126 Barbados	10.74
36 Cameroon	41.40	127 Puerto Rico	10.60
37 Turkey	40.69	128 St Vincent and Grenadines	10.35
38 Slovakia	40.34	Swaziland	10.13
39 Cote d'Ivoire	40.24	130 Burundi	10.07
40 Finland	38.28	131 St Lucia	9.90
41 Zimbabwe	38.28	132 Bangladesh	9.18
42 Iceland	38.17	133 Lebanon	9.06
43 Chile	37.76	134 San Marino	8.72
44 Israel	37.47	135 Lesotho	8.04
45 China PR	37.11	136 Faroe Islands	7.81
46 UAE	36.95	137 Mauritius	7.39
47 Austria	36.92	138 Indonesia	7.34
48 AUSTRALIA	36.45	139 Haiti	7.13
49 Wales	36.17	140 Panama	6.87
50 Senegal	35.91	141 Antigua	6.70
51 Guinea	35.71	142 St Kitts & Nevis	6.62
52 Honduras	35.40	143 Nepal	6.47
53 Algeria	35.29	144 Armenia	6.37
54 Northern Ireland	35.16	145 Sri Lanka	6.31
55 Bolivia	34.42	146 Grenada	6.15
56 Croatia	33.59	147 Botswana	6.01
57 Hungary	32.78	148 Azerbaijan	5.57
58 Kuwait	32.74	149 Benin	5.37
59 Mali	32.52	150 Tahiti	4.45
60 Lithuania	31.56	151 Vietnam	4.02
61 Ecuador	31.43	152 Guatemala	3.78
62 South Africa	31.19	153 Neth. Antilles	3.70
63 Qatar	30.77	152 Cayman	3.70
64 Canada	30.56	Guyana	3.68
65 Cyprus	30.26	156 Liechtenstein	3.31
66 Uganda	30.15	157 Kazakhstan	2.97
67 Tanzania	29.47	158 Somalia	2.87
68 Costa Rica	29.32	159 Pakistan	2.84
69 Sierra Leone	28.08	160 Tajikistan	2.69
70 Zaire	27.69	161 Dominican Rep.	2.30
71 Malawi	27.20	162 Laos	1.74
72 Gabon	27.02	163 Maldives Republic	1.62
73 Peru	25.71	164 Cape Verde Islands	1.61
Latvia	25.71	165 Solomon Islands	1.48
75 Bahrain	25.61	166 Dominica	1.37
76 Oman	24.88	167 Brunei	0.85
77 Niger	24.77	168 Libya	0.70
78 Trinidad & Tobago	24.48	Kyrgyzstan	0.70
79 Togo	24.44	170 Nicaragua	0.66
80 Iran	24.21	171 Seychelles	0.54
81 Slovenia	23.99	172 Djibouti	0.41
82 Ukraine	23.61	173 Chinese Taipei	0.13
83 Yugoslavia	23.47	174 Philippines	0.07
84 Mozambique	23.36	175 Vanuatu	0.03
85 Uzbekistan	23.26	176 Aruba	0.02
86 Thailand	22.84	177 Central Africa	0.01
87 El Salvador	22.34	178 Macao	0.00
88 Malta	21.8	Chad	0.00
89 Kenya	21.56	Note: Teams inactive since 1989 and teams which have not played yet do not appear in the table.	
90 Jamaica	21.56		
91 Iraq	21.46		

GHANA BEAT WORLD CHAMPS

Ghana has defeated world champions Nigeria 3-1 after extra-time in the final of the first African Nations Youth (Under 17) Cup competition.

Guinea took third place, defeating hosts Mali 2-1 earlier in the day.

Ghana, Nigeria and Guinea will represent Africa in August's Under-17 World Championship in Ecuador.

GAMBIA WITHDRAW

Gambia has been forced to withdraw from the African nations cup because of financial problems, the country's Football Association said.

Gambia was competing in the five-nation group three of the qualifying competition, where it was second from bottom.

Gambia has been strapped for cash since Western donor countries froze government-to-government aid and advised their nationals against visiting the West African tourist haven after a July coup toppled its civilian government.

The finals of the Nationals Cup competition will be held in South Africa in 1996.

NANTES ROBBED OF FINAL VICTORY

A last minute goal by Lyon defender Jean-Luc Sausus prevented French champions Nantes from closing the league season in style last Wednesday.

Nantes, playing away to the team placed second in the table, took the lead with a first-half goal from Patrice Loko, his 22nd of the season, and looked to be heading for victory until Sausus squared the match at 1-1.

But Nantes had the satisfaction of finishing their campaign with a lead of 10 points over their rivals, and an all-time record of losing just one of their 38 matches and with Loko as league's leading scorer.

Deposed champions Paris St Germain drew 2-2 with Le Havre at the Parc des Princes to end the season in third place with PSG's Pascal Nouma scoring with almost the last kick of the season to earn PSG the draw.

There was nothing at stake on the final day as all the European and relegation places were already decided. Nantes play in the European Cup, Paris St Germain in the Cup Winners Cup and Lyon, Auxerre, Lens and Monaco in the UEFA Cup.

Sochaux and Caen were already doomed to go down to the second division and will be replaced by two village teams who will play in the upper flight for the first

time — Guingamp and Gueugnon — each of them having a population of around 10,000.

The 1993 European champions Marseille won the second division but have to stay down as a sanction for going into receivership during the season.

KEANE FINED

Manchester United midfielder Roy Keane has been fined \$11,200 for stamping on an opponent during an FA Cup game in April.

The Football Association found Keane guilty of bringing the game into disrepute when he stamped on Crystal Palace captain Gareth Southgate's stomach during the April 12 semi-final replay at Villa Park.



Roy Keane: Fined \$11,200.

HEART OF GLASS

Local businessman Jim Glass has launched a \$A20.19 million takeover bid for Scottish premier division side Hearts, it was revealed last week.

The move comes only a year after Chris Robinson, who owns an Edinburgh catering business, and lawyer Leslie Deans bought out Wallace Mercer's controlling stake in the club.

Glass confirmed his interest, saying: "I'm fed up hearing Hearts being talked about as Scotland's third-biggest club. We must aim to be No.1."

QUINN HEADS FOR PORTUGAL

Irish international striker Niall Quinn is leaving Manchester City for Sporting Lisbon.

The 28-year-old signed a three-year contract after a lunchtime meeting with team coach Carlos Queiroz. The Irishman later visited the luxury housing estate where he will be living at Cascais, just outside Lisbon.

Sporting, formerly coached by ex-England manager Bobby Robson, finished runner-up to Robson's current club, FC Porto, in the Portuguese championship this season.

not want to become a coach after he stopped playing because the job seemed too stressful. A position in management would be more attractive, he said.

KOHLER LEAVES JUVE

German international Juergen Kohler will quit Italian giant Juventus to join Bundesliga club Borussia Dortmund next season, the Ruhr Nachrichten newspaper reported last week.

No contract has yet been signed, but the 29-year-old defender — part of the 1990 World Cup winning side — has bought a house near Dortmund in preparation for the move, the newspaper said.

Brazilian Julio Cesa: meanwhile, has extended his contract with Dortmund until 1997.

WELSH TEAMS TO RETURN

FIFA has ruled that three Welsh clubs playing in English leagues must return to play in Welsh leagues by June 1997. The three clubs are Newport FC, Carmarvon and Colwyn Bay.

At the same time, FIFA suspended for two years the presidents and vice-presidents of the three clubs involved, spokesman Keith Cooper said.

Cooper said the clubs were being punished because: "In defiance of all football association rules, these clubs took the case to civil court."

The clubs, all based in English regional leagues, wanted to stay within the English league 'pyramid' system because of the possible chance of being promoted through the divisions to higher standards of play.

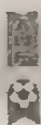
The Football Association of Wales insisted that the three clubs return to the Welsh national league.

SUDDEN DEATH IN FRANCE '98

FIFA's executive committee also decided to introduce the sudden-death goal at the World Cup finals in France in 1998.

The new system, which will replace 30min of extra-time in the event of a draw after 90min, has already been used in junior tournaments and will also apply to next year's European Championships in England.

The team which scores the first goal in extra-time will be declared the winner. But if the match is still undecided it will go to penalties.



SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



RIO DE JANEIRO

Final Stage May 29

Flamengo.....4	Vasco da Gama.....2
Fluminense.....1	Bangu.....0
Volta Redonda.....2	America.....1

TABLE

Flamengo	10	6	2	2	26	15	20	3	23
Fluminense	10	7	2	1	17	8	23	0	23
Botafogo	9	6	1	2	15	5	19	1	20
Vasco da Gama	10	4	3	4	16	10	15	1	16
Volta Redonda	10	3	2	5	10	20	11	0	11
Bangu	10	2	4	4	8	12	10	0	10
America	10	2	3	5	9	12	9	0	9
Enterrriense	9	0	1	8	3	22	1	0	1

SAO PAULO CHAMPIONSHIP

First Stage May 29

Aracatuba.....1	XV de Piracicaba.....0
Corinthians.....0	Portuguesa.....0
Ferroviaria.....0	Bragantino.....0
Guarani.....0	Palmeiras.....0
Juventus.....0	America/Rio Preto.....0
Novorizontino.....1	Sao Paulo.....1
Rio Branco.....1	Ponte Preta.....1
Uniao Sao Joao.....1	Santos.....1

June 1

Novorizontino.....1	Ferroviaria.....0
Palmeiras.....0	Aracatuba.....1

TABLE - June 1

Sao Paulo	27	15	8	4	44	24	53
Portuguesa	27	13	10	4	40	26	49
Santos	27	12	10	5	45	29	46
Corinthians	27	10	12	5	40	27	42
Palmeiras	27	11	8	8	44	29	41
Guarani	27	11	8	8	35	30	41
Uniao Sao Joao	27	9	9	9	33	34	36
Aracatuba	27	10	4	13	28	39	34
Rio Branco	27	7	11	9	36	39	32
America	27	6	13	8	25	29	31
XV de Piracicaba	27	7	9	11	35	40	30
Ferroviaria	27	8	6	13	22	30	30
Bragantino	27	6	10	11	26	33	28
Novorizontino	27	6	10	11	23	35	28
Ponte Preta	27	7	7	13	27	50	28
Juventus	27	6	9	12	23	32	27

Note: Top seven teams plus winners of second division qualify for second stage

MEXICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-final, second leg May 29:

America.....1	Cruz Azul.....2
(Cruz Azul win 3-2 on aggregate)	
Guadalajara.....1	Necaxa.....1
(Aggregate 1-1. Necaxa win on away goals rule)	

COPA BRASIL

Semifinal, second leg

Corinthians.....5	Vasco da Gama.....0
Corinthians win 6-0 on aggregate	
Gremio.....1	Flamengo.....0
Aggregate score 2-2, Gremio win on away goals.	

Note: Copa Brasil played between winners and runners-up of regional championships from previous year

Nunez names Copa America squad

Uruguay the host nation, will start its preparation aiming at winning the Copa America to be played from the 5th to the 23rd of July, this week. National coach, Hector Nunez named 26 players from whom 22 will be selected to represent the country in the major South American tournament at nations level.

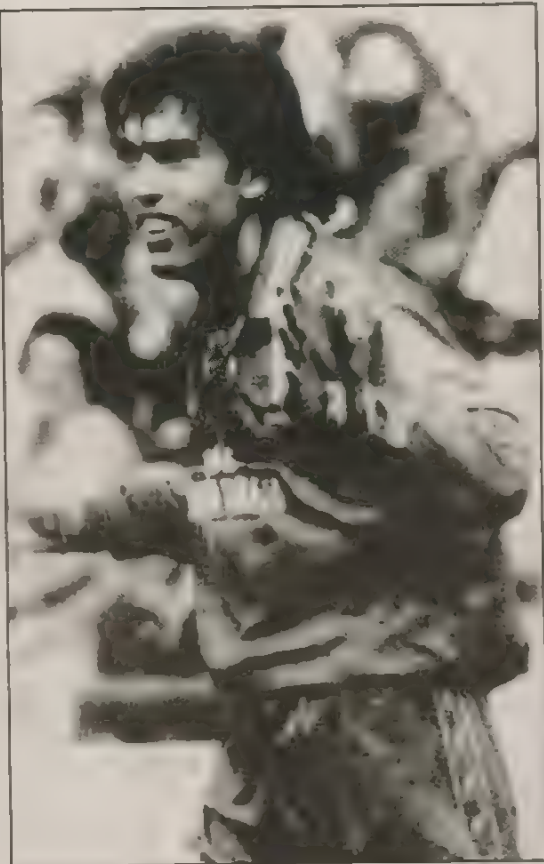
Back in business is veteran goalkeeper Fernando Alvez who, after a stint with Argentine club Deportivo Mandiyu and almost seven months of retirement is playing with Uruguayan club River Plate. The experience of Alvez will be, according to Hector Nunez, a great asset to the team.

The 26 footballers are:

Goalkeepers: Fernando Alvez (River Plate), Claudio Arbiza (Olimpia, Paraguay) and Oscar Ferro (Penarol).

Defenders: Diego Lopez (River Plate), Oscar Aguirregaray (Penarol), Eber Moas (America of Cali, Colombia), Edgardo Adinolfi (River Plate), Alvaro Gutierrez (Nacional), Tabare Silva (Defensor Sporting), Paolo Montero (Atalanta, Italy), Jose Herrera (Cagliari), Gustavo Mendez (Nacional).

Midfielders: Marcelo Saralegui (Racing, Argentina), Ruben Da Silva (River Plate, Argentina), Diego Martin Dorta



Daniel Fonseca: Italian based Uruguayan star.

(Penarol), Nelson Abeijon (Nacional), Pablo Bengoechea (Penarol), Gustavo Poyet (Zaragoza, Spain), Marcelo Tejera (Defensor Sporting).

Strikers: Sergio Martinez (Boca Juniors), Osvaldo Canobbio (Nacional), Marcelo Otero (Penarol), Dario Silva (Penarol), Ruben Sosa (Inter Milan, Italy),

Daniel Fonseca (Napoli, Italy), Enzo Francescoli (River Plate, Argentina).

Coach: Hector Nunez. Assistant Coach: Fernando Morena.

Uruguay will play three friendly internationals prior to the Copa America; the first one against Chilean club Colo Colo on June 14, and the other two against New



Ruben Sosa: Linchpin Uruguayan player.

Zealand on June 25 in Paysandu and June 28 in Rivera.

The Italian based players Ruben Sosa, Jose Herrera, Paolo Montero and Daniel Fonseca will arrive in Montevideo on June 7 while Zaragoza's midfielder Gustavo Poyet will be available from June 19.

The Uruguayan national

team will participate in a four nations tournament to be held in Monaco one week after the end of the Copa America.

The other three teams involved in the competition will be Brazil, Russia and the Arab Emirates. The South Americans will receive \$A340,000 for two matches.

San Lorenzo on top

San Lorenzo went one point clear at the top of the Argentine championship on May 29 with a 3-1 away win over at Talleres.

San Lorenzo heads the table from Gimnasia La Plata, which needed a goal three minutes from time from defender Guillermo Sanguinetti to earn a 1-1 draw at Rosario Central.

World club champion Velez Sarsfield kept its title hopes alive with a 3-0 win over Ferro Carril Oeste.

Velez is third, three points behind the leaders, with four matches to play.

Favourites out!

Favourite America was knocked out of the Mexican championship in the semi-final stage when it was beaten 2-1 in the second leg by Cruz Azul on May 26.

America, whose team includes Zambia's Kalusha Bwalya, Cameroon veteran Francois Omam-Biyik and Mexican international Luis Garcia, had set the championship alight in its early stages but faltered when Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker was sacked after a row with the board.

Cruz Azul faces Necaxa, which drew 1-1 away to Guadalajara to win its semi-final on away goals, in the final.

Maradona to wear Pele's shirt

Argentine star Diego Maradona said he was likely to sign with Brazil's Santos club and don the No.10 once worn by the great Pele.

"Almost everything has been agreed with Santos and my move there is practically definite," the 34-year-old ex-Argentina captain told reporters on his return from a trip to Europe.

Maradona said he had spoken to Pele, who is negotiating for Santos, and all that remained was "a few little things and my signature".

Maradona was still mad at his old team Boca Juniors for saying last week they wanted him back. The week before, the club had made it clear he was unwelcome there even as a spectator.

"I'm not going to talk about Boca because if they won't even let me go to the ground, what can I say?" he said.

But his personal manager Guillermo Coppola refused to rule out a last-minute reconciliation with the Buenos Aires side. Boca president Antonio Alegre originally said Maradona's presence at the stadium put pressure on the team after it lost 2-1 to Argentinos Juniors.

But Boca fans who remember Maradona as the man who led their team to Argentine championship glory in 1981 chanted his name and demanded him back.

A week later, Alegre said Boca would negotiate to get him back. But Maradona had already taken offence.

He also wanted to be hired as player and coach, while Boca was talking about taking him on exclusively as a player.

"If Boca say to him 'you can coach and play' the contract with Brazil will be torn up and Diego will take the final decision, as always," Coppola told reporters. "The thing between Diego and Boca is a romance that will never end."

Dismal day in Brazil

Seven out of eight games were drawn and only seven goals scored on a dismal day in the much-criticised Sao Paulo championship on May 29.

Four of the matches ended goalless and the biggest crowd of the day numbered just 8,335 for the Guarani-Palmeiras clash, one of the 0-0 stalemates.

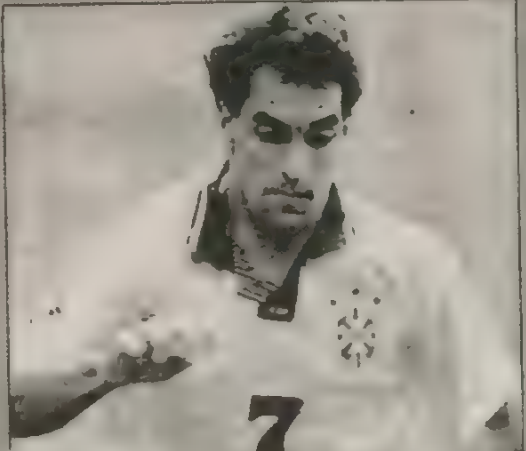
The competition has already been heavily-

panned because of a marathon first stage in which the teams play 30 times in four months, merely to decide eight teams for the second stage.

With three rounds of matches left, Sao Paulo, Portuguesa, Santos and Corinthians have qualified for the second stage, while Palmeiras and Guarani each need one more point.

Former Brazil international Ricardo Rocha was sent off after just five minutes as Flamengo beat Vasco da Gama 4-2 in the Rio de Janeiro championship.

Flamengo, without injured striker Romario and ineligible new signing Edmundo, leads the eight-team final stage on goal difference from Fluminense, which beat Bangu 1-0.



Edmundo: Left Palmeiras to join Romario at Flamengo.

The Spanish Herald

The newspaper for the Spanish speaking population of Australia.



SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



Stray bullet kills Brazilian fan

The bullet which killed a soccer fan during a match at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium may have been a stray fired from outside the stadium, a police spokesman said.

The 32-year-old fan died after being hit during the second half of Saturday's game between Fluminense and Bangu.

He was in the upper tier of the stadium in one of the most expensive seating areas and had stood up to watch a Fluminense attack when he was hit. He was carried by another fan to a medical post and then taken by ambulance to hospital where he died two hours later, police said.

The spokesman said the bullet appeared to have been fired from a heavy-duty rifle and may have been a stray shot from a shanty-town on one of the hillsides which overlook the ground.

Rio shanty-towns are home to heavily-armed drug traffickers and shootouts between gangs are common. Traffickers also fire shots into the air when a new consignment of drugs arrives.

Several soccer fans have been shot dead in Brazil in the past year, some victims of stray bullets.

Vasco fans furious

Furious Vasco da Gama fans vandalised the club's own stadium in protest at the team's 4-2 loss to arch-rival Flamengo on May 29.

About 150 fans stoned cars belonging to players and then looted the souvenir shop at the club's Sao Januario stadium following the loss, which virtually ended Vasco's hopes of winning the Rio de Janeiro championship for a fourth-consecutive year.

Vasco has been out of the spotlight since arch-rival Flamengo signed top striker Romario from Spanish club Barcelona in January. Romario began his career with Vasco.

Salt was rubbed into the wounds when Flamengo bought Palmeiras striker Edmundo — another of Brazil's top players who also began his career with Vasco — for \$46.98 million last week.

Ronaldo the most expensive

Thirty one players from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and Chile figured prominently among the 100 most expensive in the world.

In fact, according to a list published by the Argentine magazine "El Grafico", and extracted from the famous Italian publication "Guerin Sportivo", the most expensive footballer available, today, is the Brazilian striker Ronaldo De Lima, 19, who plays for the Dutch team PSV Eindhoven. De Lima is valued at \$14.9 million.

Surprisingly Real Madrid highest scorer in the current Spanish league, Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano, 29, is in second position together with Brazilian striker Anderson Da Silva from French club Monaco. Both players were valued at \$8.3 million.

The most expensive Uruguayan player is Uruguayan international striker Sergio Martinez, 26, who currently plays for Argentine big gun Boca Juniors; while the most expensive footballer from Peru is Tenerife's midfielder Jose Del Solar, 28, who is valued at \$2.5 million.

Significantly, the players valued at one million dollars or more are only from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay (2), Chile (1), and Peru (1).

The most expensive player, in a list that includes players from Europe, Africa and Oceania, is Manchester United Welsh striker Ryan Giggs (\$15.4 million).

The most expensive African player is Liberian

How much is he worth?

The following is the complete list of the most expensive South American players available in the market. The list doesn't include players who are already under contract for two or more years with their respective clubs, like Gabriel Batistuta, Daniel Fonseca, Abel Balbo, etc.

NAME	COUNTRY	D. OF B.	POSITION	TEAM	AMOUNT (\$M)
Marcio Amoroso	Brazil	06/08/75	Striker	Guarani	4.9
Roberto Ayala	Argentina	14/04/73	Defender	River Plate	5.3
Christian Bessedas	Argentina	16/02/73	Midfielder	V. Sarsfield	4.9
Leonardo Biagini	Argentina	13/04/77	Striker	N. Old Boys	2.5
Fernando Caceres	Argentina	07/02/69	Defender	Zaragoza	2.5
Marcos Cafu	Brazil	07/06/70	Defender	Zaragoza	5.7
Rodolfo Cardozo	Argentina	17/10/68	Midfielder	Fribourg	7.4
Hernan Crespo	Argentina	05/07/75	Striker	River Plate	4.2
Jose Del Solar	Peru	17/11/67	Midfielder	Tenerife	2.5
Emerson Costa	Brazil	12/04/72	Midfielder	Porto	3.4
Juan Luisander	Argentina	05/03/73	Striker	Zaragoza	6.6
Oswaldo Juninho	Brazil	22/02/73	Midfielder	Sao Paulo	4.2
Leonardo Corona	Brazil	06/04/71	Midfielder	V. da Gama	2.5
Gustavo Lopez	Argentina	13/04/73	Midfielder	Independiente	3.4
Sergio Martinez	Uruguay	15/02/69	Striker	La Coruna	4.5
Mauro Silva	Brazil	12/01/68	Midfielder	La Coruna	7.5
Ariel Ortega	Argentina	04/03/74	Midfielder	River Plate	5.6
Sergio Paulo	Brazil	02/06/69	Striker	B. Leverkusen	6.6
Sebastian Rambert	Argentina	30/01/74	Striker	Independiente	5.7
Reinaldo Do Santos	Brazil	01/07/76	Striker	Ath. Mineiro	6.6
Roberto Carlos	Brazil	10/04/73	Defender	Palmeiras	4.9
Anderson Da Silva	Brazil	19/09/70	Striker	Monaco	8.3
Ronaldo De Lima	Brazil	22/09/76	Striker	PSV	14.9
Savio Bortolini	Brazil	19/01/74	Striker	Flamengo	4.9
Juan P. Sorin	Argentina	05/05/76	Defender	Argentinos Jrs.	2.5
Tulio Da Costa	Brazil	02/06/69	Striker	Botafogo	4.9
Paulo Viola	Brazil	01/01/69	Striker	Corinthians	6.6
Jose Zalazar	Uruguay	20/10/63	Midfielder	Albacete	2.1
Ivan Zamorano	Chile	18/01/67	Striker	Real Madrid	8.3
Javier Zanetti	Argentina	10/08/73	Defender	Banfield	4.9
Jose Ze Elias	Brazil	25/09/76	Midfielder	Corinthians	4.9

striker George Weah from French club Paris Saint Germain. Weah is valued at 10.7 million dollars.

From Oceania there are two players in the list: Paul Okon and Aurelio Vidmar. Okon, who plays as a defender for Belgian Club

Brugge is valued at \$2.9 million while Aurelio Vidmar, who plays for Standard Liege of Belgium is valued at \$5.3 million.

There are 61 players from Europe, 31 from South America, six from Africa and two from Oceania.

The two countries with the highest number of players in the list are Brazil (15) and Argentina (11) while France is the European country with most players in the list (10), followed by Sweden and Holland with six each.



Ivan Zamorano: The Real Madrid star of Chilean origin is valued at \$8.3 million.

IN BRIEF

In case Penarol wins the first phase of the Uruguayan league, its players will receive a price of 255,000 dollars to split among the team members while its coach, Gregorio Perez will take home around 50,000 dollars...Maradona is again in the news... This time the former Argentine captain accused Boca Juniors officials of trying to use him for their political ambitions... Boca will have elections next November and Diego has been linked with the most popular club in Argentina as one of the new signings...The Uruguayan referees for the Copa America will be Ernesto Filippi and Hector Dubleski...One of the Argentine greats, Adolfo Pedernera, died at the age of 76 in Buenos Aires...Pedernera made his professional debut for River Plate in 1935...In 1941 he was the central striker in a forward line called "the machine"... the other fellow strikers were Munoz, Moreno, Labruna and Deambrosi...Pedernera dedicated 63 illustrious years to Argentine football...his class, his talent and his integrity will be remembered for ever...Carlos Menem, who was reelected as president of Argentina for a second consecutive term, was the Argentine players' preferred



Diego Maradona: Argentina or USA?

candidate...A pool carried out by the magazine "El Grafico" gave Menem 54% of the votes against only 15% of his closest rival, Massaccesi... the president of the newly formed New York Centaurs, Roger Gorevic, wants Diego Maradona to play for his team...

Gorevic, who was in Argentina to tempt Diego, offered the former Racing Club coach a contract valued at \$2 million per year... Nevertheless, the chances of Diego going to USA soccer are very remote...Estudiantes de La Plata... once one of the greatest teams in Argentine soccer returns to the first division after a year of oblivion in the second division...The former club of players of the calibre of Carlos Salvador Bilardo, Pachame, Malbernat, Madero, Manera and Veron, won the championship six rounds before the end of the competition with a 10-0 win over Gimnasia y Tiro de Salta...The team was coached by two former Estudiantes stars, Miguel Ruso and Hector Lujan Manera...Finally, according to some sources from Argentina, Cesar Luis Menotti could be Miguel Brindisi's replacement as coach of Independiente... Brindisi resigned one month ago without any formal explanation... Under Brindisi's guidance, Independiente won the Argentine league second phase, the South American Supercup and the South American Cup's Cup...But in the recent Libertadores Cup, the "red devils" were eliminated... and in the current Argentine league are having one of their worst ever seasons.

COACHES COME TO BLOWS

Gremio coach Luis Felipe Scolari was accused of hitting his Flamengo counterpart during a bitter Copa Brazil semi-final last Thursday.

"He punched me," said Flamengo coach Vanderley Luxemburgo.

The incident happened as players brawled near the end of a game littered with ugly fouls and bad-tempered clashes. Gremio left-back Roger and Flamengo substitute Mauricio were sent off.

Gremio, a team known for its uncompromising approach, won the second leg 1-0 and qualified for the final on away goals. The tie ended 2-2 on aggregate.

"ANIMAL" FANS FACE ARREST

Brazilian fans have been warned that they face immediate arrest if they are caught carrying animals inside a soccer ground.

The warning came after May 29's Flamengo-Vasco da Gama match in the Rio de Janeiro state championship, when dozens of Flamengo fans took animals to the stadium as a tribute to \$5-million new signing Edmundo, nicknamed "the animal".

Most of the unwilling fans were dogs, many of which were dressed up in Flamengo shirts and hats and were nervously petrified amid the hordes of cheering fans. But at least one man was seen waving a tortoise, with a Flamengo flag painted on its shell, above his head in the midst of the jumping, singing fan.

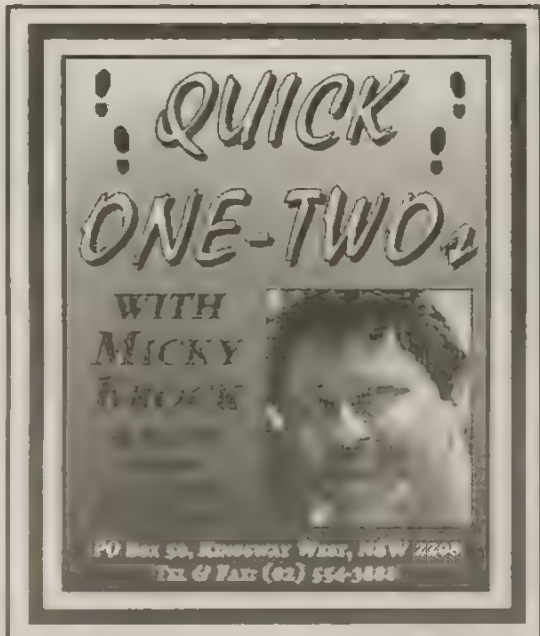
The place, however, is in the wild, said Roberto Cavalli, an official with the Brazilian government's environment agency Ibama.

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWN UNDER

Further to the letter we published last week that was sent by me on behalf of all the supporters of UK football to the Nine Network Australia, I can now offer you their reply:

Dear Mr Brock,
Further to your complaint about "Mob Rules" on Sixty Minutes last Sunday night, I can now reply in detail to the point you raise. The story's producer, Howard Sacre, assures me the report was carefully researched in the UK and Australia. What follows are his answers to your questions:

1 "The commentary in the Dublin international game came from Capital Radio in London. The call was made by their commentator at the ground. The commentary from the TV coverage was also available to us but we judged the radio call to be superior. As you noted, a small section from the TV commentary was used at the end of the story. There was no "voice over" as you have suggested."



2 "It is arguable whether the Brugge Police over-reacted. There is a school of thought that they did. The footage used was shot following the match between Club Brugge and Chelsea. It was near a hotel and several streets where Chelsea supporters congregated. There may have been other people there too. However, reporters at the scene

wrote that several Chelsea supporters were arrested and deported before the game and the disturbance with police happened after the game." **3** "Harry Harris was in Brugge. In a section of interview not used for time purposes, he explained how he saw well-dressed men staying at the same hotel, using mobile phones in the bar to incite rioting. He said

other journalists witnessed this as well. He said a camera crew attempted to get pictures of these "Combat 18" people but were beaten up in the process. I doubt whether Mr Harris has a recording of my mobile phone conversations. However, he is a respected journalist working with a respected publication who knows what he saw and heard."

4 "I do not dispute what you say about the Chelsea-Zaragoza match and I understand there was also criticism of over-reaction by the police. The fact that ticket sales were not as strictly organised as usual undoubtedly had an effect. However, it seems ludicrous to blame organisers if a hooligan happens to lay into a fellow sitting next to him, no matter what team he supports. Surely if you're sitting next to a supporter from another team, all the more reason to keep your thoughts and actions to yourself." **5** "We did speak to clubs as part of our research." **6** "I can't understand why you think that an interview with the men

from the "Leeds firm" would be so ludicrous. However, your description of these people as having a low I.Q. appears to be accurate. I don't really understand your point on this."

7 "The FIFA directive that players not celebrate a goal appears to support the case that thuggery is indeed a "disease". The three Australian Millwall players were also directed that a club fine would be imposed if they celebrated a goal."

8 "I have no knowledge of the fight at Manly that you refer to other than the fact that it happened. To equate an instance of violence in the crowd at an Australian game with the disasters and tragedies over the years in English football is

ridiculous. When you go behind the scenes with police task forces, club officials and stewards at an English game and see the money, time and effort expended on security and anti-hooligan measures, you see what a serious problem it is. Thankfully Australia is not at that point."

9 "Finally, I have to say I would rather count on the opinion of Harry Harris that this was the worst season ever for overall violence, rather than your assertion that this was gutter press innuendo."

I hope Mr Sacre's responses go some way to resolving your concerns.

Yours sincerely, Peter Meakin, Director of News and Current Affairs.

For mine, this does not answer many of the questions posed. Firstly the point made about the "Leeds firm" was quite simple, no-one is going to make themselves a target for the police, their own club or rival gangs by publicly stating they are the hard men, it just does not add up.

The game at Manly was described by one "high profile" person as being of soccer style violence but was not reported on the station.

WHY? Not once did I say that Harry Harris was not at the game in Belgium but I did say it had been suggested he might not have been there.

There is no mention of sending Ken Bates at Chelsea a copy of the tape.

The original story said that the Millwall players were told not to celebrate any goals for just that particular match against Chelsea or appeared to come across to the viewing public at least.

The answer to that one is in the letter.

I could go on but there is little or no point when the wall has gone up.

I did like the little "put down" in answer nine but I must have forgotten to mention that I also write a column too. Oops!

However, I thank the Nine Network for their prompt response.

POSTCARD FROM LEICESTER CITY

By Stuart Jones of UKS80

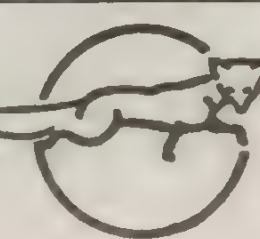
Mick Hickman is remembered in Australian football as the man who took Sydney Olympic to their first NSL title. Today he is second in charge at Leicester City. His career in England has prospered but he still has strong ties with Australia. I caught up with him just before he headed back to "Oz" for a short holiday.

Stuart Jones: Do you fondly remember your championship winning year at Sydney Olympic?

Mick Hickman: I often reminisce over it and I think about the players I had there and the good times which went on.

SJ: How much did you enjoy your Australian experiences?

MH: Australia was good for me, it took me back to the grass roots again. I started to appreciate working with people, not only on the pitch but off it too, educating people about professional football.



It's a big thing in my career.

SJ: Going to Reading, was it a big step for you?

MH: Yes sure. I had been out of professional football for a number of years. You never lose how to be a professional coach but it took me a while to adjust again. However, once I was back into the rigours of it all it started to come back.

SJ: You had two young Australians at Reading?

MH: When I first went there was only young Stuart Lovell. Intelligent boy, good footballer, he could go a long way. I brought Andrew (Bernal) over last year and he has done extremely well. At first it took him a while to settle down but he has taken his opportunities with both hands and may even play in the Premiership next year.

SJ: What are the prospects for Reading. Is it good for a "smaller" club to make the Premier League in the light of the failure of Swindon and Leicester?

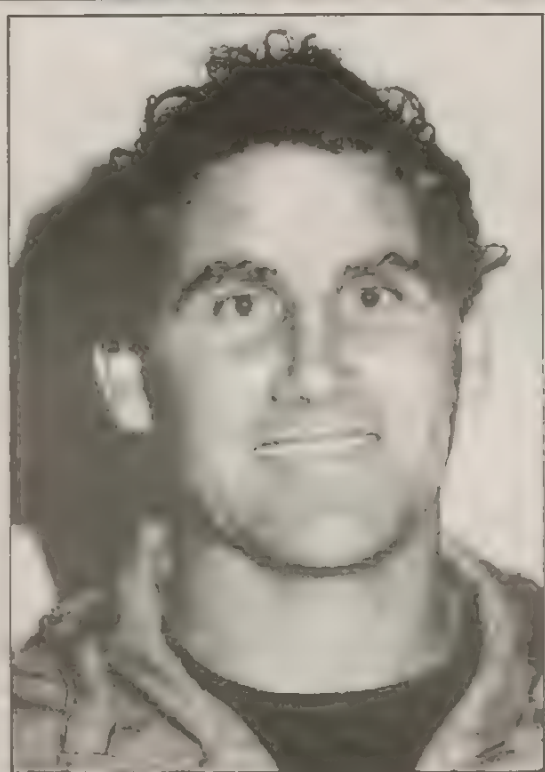
MH: There are two points of view on it. At present it would be tremendous. Whether they can survive "up a division" is another thing but I look to the present and think "good luck" to them, take the opportunity when you can.

SJ: Lovell and Bernal, could they make it at "Premiership" level?

MH: When we were at Reading we played premiership teams in the cups and they both equipped themselves creditably. I think they could do well there. However, Reading's squad isn't really big enough for the Premiership.

SJ: Reading were on a high when you left, was it hard to leave for Leicester?

MH: It was not a hard decision to make once we came to Leicester and saw the facilities, the ground and the set-up here and realised what a big club it is. It was a big wrench to



Mick Hickman: Making waves in English coaching circles.

leave Reading with all the super players we had brought to the club. It was a "family atmosphere" at the club, even now the players ring us up and tell us what is happening. So Yes, it was a wrench but

the size of Leicester and what could be achieved here meant there was virtually no decision to be made.

SJ: Coming in when Leicester were almost down, how hard was it to

motivate the players?

MH: When we first came we had to get some results to get the confidence back. We achieved it early but then once you are in it you realise getting draws isn't good enough, you have to win games. So you have got to go out and go for it and at the end of the day we did not have enough quality players to achieve the things we wanted to. We also did not have the money available to us until next season which is obviously too late. Looking at it another way we can now build a team as we want to ourselves and if we get back into the Premiership we will be better equipped to stay there.

SJ: The coaching role you have rather than that of manager, do you enjoy it more?

MH: Yes obviously. I have been a manager and I enjoyed it but when you are a coach you are totally involved with the players day in and day out, improving not only the team but individuals as well. That is what I have always enjoyed, that is me.

I have always been a "tracksuit" manager/coach. The relationship I have with Mark (McGhee, Manager of Leicester) is very good. He is very good at his job and I like to think I'm very good at mine.

SJ: There is one player that Australians will know, Julian Joachim, who played for England "down under" in the World Youth Championships a couple of years ago. This was to be his "watershed year". Come season's end he would be worth millions but injuries curtailed those thoughts?

MH: We did not have him from day one, he had a fracture of the foot and had to have a bone graft. He has had one first team game back and in that 90 minutes you can see what a quality player he is and how much we missed him. He is a frightening talent, his pace is phenomenal and his strength and quality on the ball is tremendous. Hopefully he will be here with us for the next couple of years.

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F A N Z I N E R E V I E W

BY MICKY BROCK

WALTER ZENGA'S RIGHT BUTTOCK (USA cool rave/sports magazine)

Although not in print at present, this is still one to try and obtain. It's good to see that someone in America has the game at heart and is actually prepared to enter into the spirit of things and spread the gospel in a hearthen land. OK, so enough of the mucking about! WZRB is of the A5 format although the editor did provide some much smaller one's during the World Cup last year. The text is good, lively and entertaining with American style or "panache" is perhaps the word I'm looking for.

Produced in San Francisco it covers a lot of football in the area and where to obtain magazines on the local scene (this must be a godsend to all the supporters out there who may otherwise go through life without knowing an underground football movement even exists). Also covers rave parties, rock concerts and the like. This is fair go by me as it must surely be difficult to write about football in the states all the time. Cartoons are well drawn and information is good. At around 12 plus pages it's not the biggest fanzine in the world but is excellent value anyway.

Available from: Davide "Calcio" Potato, WZRB, PO Box 170413, San Francisco, CA 94117, USA. Priced at US\$3.00 plus P+P. Like's to have a go at the "kiss ass corporate world" which cannot be a bad thing either. Humour is good and definitely worth a look at. You'll never know if you never take a look will you?

THE ELM SLIE ENDER (Wealdstone FC)

Another "non-league" fanzine that completely puts some of the "Premier Division" efforts to total and utter shame! Consisting of some 28 A5 pages of pure genius, wit, moans, gripes, letters and up to date information about the club and the non-league scene.

Very impressive all around. Text is superbly reproduced and small which makes for an awful lot in each issue. The photographs are extremely clear and the layout is out of this world. This 'zine is not a hastily put together slap-dash affair and the amount of work that goes into it is plain for all to see. My sincere compliments to the editor and contributors, credit where it's due is the phrase here.

TEE is full of humour and "in depth" articles covering a variety of football related subjects. It would appear that someone at least had a very good education (Uni perhaps?) and has used this to good effect with the magazine. This is not a "colour" magazine as much but there are plenty of black and white photo's dotted throughout the pages which helps to break up the look and not make it so "booklike".

I particularly like a piece taken from a newspaper clipping: "THERE'S NO FOOL..." Soccer's oldest player has been banned from making an outrageous April Fool's Day debut. Geordie Val Shearer, 83, was set to play for Wealdstone against Poole until the Beazer Homes stepped in."

I first saw this mentioned in the excellent "non-league" publication END2END which

had arrived a couple of days earlier (my thanks to Alan Calder the editor for the Banbury Utd fanzine, much appreciated) and so it was great to see it mentioned in here. If memory serves me correctly, Val is no relation to Alan at Blackburn but it would have made for a great story and should be seen for what it is, partly a bit of fun but was also a protest at something the Beazer Homes league authorities had sanctioned which was a refusal to allow the club to transfer to the Diadora league. Quite why this was refused is not apparent at this stage but you can bet that the BHL was a little worried that others may follow suit. If they were that worried about it, why didn't they get to the cause of the problem and sort it out?

I think I'm right in saying that Wealdstone wanted to change leagues because there

would have been a lot more "local derbies" in the Diadora which would also cut out a lot of travelling expenses. This makes perfect sense to me but obviously not those in charge which is a bit of a worry sometimes. (In the meantime, Val is polishing up his boots in readiness for the call to arms!)

In Wealdstone's favour though both Stuart Pearce (now at Notts Forest) and Vinny Jones (now back at Wimbledon) started their playing careers at the club. This is yet another reason why we must support the "grass roots" of the game as it's quite evident that this is where the bulk of the future international stars begin their lives as footballers. Quite apart from that, without the non-league scene where would we get our "giant killing" sides from? Would the FA Cup be the greatest domestic cup competition in the known

universe and remain the envy of the world? I think not.

TEE is most certainly one to look out for and obtain. Available from: Martin Lacey/Sudhir Rawal, 37 Grange Rd, Kenton, Harrow, Middx HA1-2PR, priced at 1 pound per issue plus P+P it represents great value. One of the very best fanzines you will see and that includes an awful lot of bigger supported clubs offerings too.

Once again the commitment of the "non-league fan" is shown as being superior to that of many contemporary supporters. TEE is most certainly a 10 out of 10 production and of the 150-200 reviews I've already done in here, this must be as highly rated as one of the very, very best. Most impressed with content, style and overall appearance. Keep up the great work guys, believe me it IS worthwhile. All the best, be lucky.

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NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

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RESULTS OF WEEK 514 SAT. JUNE 3, 1995

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):

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FORM GUIDE FOR WEEK 515

NSW DIVISION ONE										Sth Werribee									
P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT			P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT		
Auburn Utd	13	9	2	0	2	34	18	16	31	Melb. City	11	6	2	3	22	16	20		
Central Coast	13	10	0	3	45	10	35	30		Kelkor Eagles	11	4	6	1	10	5	18		
Ryde City	13	8	2	0	3	31	19	12	28	Sth Caulfield	11	5	2	4	11	13	17		
Fairfield Bulls	13	8	1	1	3	32	16	16	27	Frankston	11	5	1	5	21	20	18		
Belmore Her	11	6	2	0	3	25	22	3	22	Elit. Dia Valley	11	4	4	3	13	13	16		
Minotaur	12	6	2	0	4	16	16	0	22	Fitzroy City	11	4	1	6	9	16	13		
Dulwich Hill	13	3	5	1	4	23	24	-1	20	Pascoe Vale	11	3	2	6	15	17	11		
Hills United	11	4	2	0	5	16	12	4	16	Seaford Utd	11	3	1	7	16	31	10		
Mt Pritchard	13	4	2	0	7	26	25	1	16	Sunbury Utd	11	1	4	6	8	19	7		
W Wanderers	13	3	2	0	8	17	34	-17	13	Banyule	11	2	1	8	15	28	7		
Sydney Cos	12	2	2	0	8	9	20	-11	10	Sandringham	11	0	4	7	7	19	1		
Liverpool City	13	0	0	0	13	10	68	-58	0	WEST. AUSTRALIA DIVISION ONE									
NSW DIVISION TWO										P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT		
P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT			Swan IC	5	4	0	1	16	8	12		
Penrith Pan	13	7	5	0	1	27	16	11	31	Spearwood Dal	6	3	2	1	18	10	11		
Granville Gr	13	7	3	0	3	22	18	4	27	Sterling	5	3	1	1	20	8	10		
Bankstown	12	6	4	0	2	33	17	16	26	Inglewood	5	3	1	1	12	12	10		
Bathurst 75	13	7	1	1	4	21	15	6	24	Sorrento SC	5	2	2	1	16	10	8		
Hurstville	13	7	0	2	4	19	12	7	23	Bayswater City	5	2	2	2	10	18	8		
Transandinos	12	5	3	0	4	23	31	-8	21	Perth SC	4	2	1	1	7	6	7		
Concord Jnrs	13	5	2	1	5	24	22	2	20	Floreat Athena	6	2	1	3	12	16	7		
Uni of NSW	13	4	2	2	5	22	20	2	18	Panthers	6	0	2	4	11	17	2		
Parramatta City	13	1	6	2	4	17	22	-5	17	Fremantle City	6	0	0	6	5	24	0		
Colo Colo	13	2	4	0	7	10	18	-8	14	WEST. AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO									
Sydney Dist	12	2	2	0	8	17	28	-11	10	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT		
St Johns Pk	12	2	2	0	8	18	34	-16	10	Westn Knights	6	6	0	0	24	2	18		
NSW DIVISION THREE										Kingsway City	7	4	2	1	19	4	14		
P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT			Bassendean C	7	4	0	3	9	13	12		
Gladesville U	12	8	3	0	1	39	13	26	30	Dianella WE	6	3	1	2	11	5	10		
Hakoah	13	6	5	1	1	26	11	15	29	Melville Coast	6	3	1	2	3	2	10		
Greystanes	12	9	0	1	2	30	9	21	28	Ashfield	7	2	3	2	12	9	9		
White City	12	7	2	0	3	28	18	10	25	Cockburn Utd	7	2	2	3	12	15	8		
Alexandria	13	4	5	1	3	19	13	6	23	Balcatta	7	2	2	3	9	23	8		
Prospect Utd	13	4	4	1	4	29	23	6	21	Rockingham City	7	1	4	2	9	14	7		
Prairiewood	13	4	3	1	5	14	19	-5	19	Morley Windmills	7	1	3	3	12	14	6		
Earlwood H	12	4	3	0	5	26	34	-8	18	Stirling Vardar	7	1	2	4	5	13	5		
AC United	11	3	3	0	5	14	23	-9	15	Southside United	7	0	4	3	9	14	4		
Moorebank	12	4	1	0	7	20	30	-10	14	SA PREMIER LEAGUE									
Sporting M	13	1	2	1	9	14	36	-22	8	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT		
Sporting SSC	12	0	3	0	9	11	41	-30	6	White City Warr	11	6	2	3	24	12	20		
VICTORIA STATE ONE										Raiders	11	5	3	3	18	15	18		
P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT			Salisbury United	11	5	3	3	13	11	18		
Bent. Greens	11	7	3	1	28	13	24			Adelaide Blue Eagle	11	5	2	4	23	19	17		
Thomas Devils	11	7	3	1	25	17	24			PT Adelaide Lion	11	3	6	2	14	16	15		
Lalor United	11	7	2	2	20	13	23			Croydon	11	3	4	4	17	19	13		
Clarinda	11	5	4	2	23	15	19			Campbelltown City	11	3	2	6	16	20	11		
Richmond	11	6	1	4	24	20	19			Modbury	11	1	4	6	15	28	7		
West. Subs	11	5	3	3	15	12	15			QUEENSLAND DIVISION THREE									
Westgate	11	4	3	4	16	15	15			P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT		
Northcote City	11	4	3	4	17	17	12			Capalaba	12	10	2	0	30	10	32		
Croydon City	11	4	3	4	18	19	12			Albany Creek	12	8	1	3	31	11	25		
Oakleigh	11	4	0	7	14	22	12			Slacks Creek	12	7	3	2	24	9	24		
Caulfield City	11	2	4	5	13	18	10			The Gap	12	7	2	3	26	13	23		
Frank. Pines	11	2	2	7	14	20	8			Mitchelton	12	6	1	5	20	18	15		
Broadmeadows	11	1	3	7	12	21	6			Goodna & Dist	12	5	1	6	17	20	16		
Knox City	11	1	2	8	11	28	5			Annsley Rec	12	5	1	6	17	21	16		
VICTORIA STATE TWO										Newmarket	12	4	3	5	16	17	15		
P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT			Redlands Utd	12	4	2	6	12	19	14		
Moorabbin City	11	7	4	0	22	6	25			Clairevaux	12	3	1	8	13	28	15		
Waverley City	11	7	3	1	27	7	24			Latrobe Ath	12	1	4	7	17	25	7		
Sp. White Eag	11	7	0	1	26	10	24			North Pine Utd	12	1	1	10	5	37	4		
E. Brun. Royals	11	7	4	0	32	15	22			QUEENSLAND DIVISION FOUR									
Regent Sub	11	4	4	3	20	15	16			P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT		
East Richmond	11	4	4	3	10	14	16			Western Subs	12	9	2	1	25	10	25		
Allona East	11	4	3	4	17	11	15			Southside Eagles	12	9	1	2	18	7	28		
Chelsea	11	4	2	5	17	22	14			Darra United	12	9	0	3	30	8	27		
Bell Park	11	4	2	5	13	19	14			Moggill United	12	7	2	3	29	12	22		
Allona City	11	2	4	5	11	22	10			Redcliffe City	12	7	1	4	27	17	21		
Nunawading C	11	1	6	4	7	18	9			Samford	12	6	1	5	22	21	18		
Ringwood City	11	2	0	7	12	20	8			Brothers United	12	4	3	5	22	21	18		
Mooroobark	11	1	5	5	9	25	8			South Star	12	4	3	5	18	23	11		
Clifton Hill	11	0	6	11	4	23	0			Ipswich City	12	3	2	7	14	29	1		
VICTORIA STATE THREE										Loganholme	12	2	2	8	18	27	4		
P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PT			Pine Hills	12	0	4	8	11	29	4		
Westvale	11	8	2	1	32	10	26			Oxley United	12	1	1	10	8	44			
Stb. Dandenong	11	7	3	1	29	10	24												

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

Consolidation the key for Charlton

Charlton were formed in 1905 in an area dominated by Rugby. Woolwich Arsenal and Millwall Athletic dominated the area so Charlton remained amateur until 1920.

After moving around several grounds in the early 1900s Charlton decided to set up permanent home at the Valley in 1919.

They were playing in the Kent, London and South Suburban League during that time, and their first game at the Valley was against Summerstown on the 13th of September 1919.

In the next few years the Valley became the biggest ground in England, surpassing Highbury, Goodison Park, and even Crystal Palace.

In 1920 Charlton turned professional and they joined the southern league. A season later they joined the football league's third division south. Charlton finished 16th that first season. In 1923 club directors decided to move



away from the Valley. Half a season later they were back. Their move to Lateham Road a disaster. Through the 1920s Charlton remained in Division three south until winning this title in 1928/29. It was close, rivals Palace finishing on the same points, but Athletic having a +12 better goal difference.

In 1933 saw the Addicks relegated back to Division Three south after finishing last. However they won the 1934/35 Division Three South title by eight points

to return to Division Two. Ralph Allen scored 32 league goals and one FA Cup goal for Charlton that season.

The following season Charlton gained a second successive promotion spot by being runners up to Manchester United. So in 1936/37 Charlton played their first season in Division One, and it was a season where they really performed - 21 wins, 12 draws, and 9 losses later Charlton had come second in Division One, their highest ever finish. They

came fourth in 1938 and third in 1939.

During that time the club had a bigger ground than mighty Arsenal, and on February 12, 1938 75,031 people saw Charlton play Aston Villa in the fifth round of the FA Cup. What was amazing was the ground was not even filled to capacity that day! The game ended in a draw.

During the war Millwall had to ground share with Charlton at the Valley. After the war it was the FA Cup where Charlton found most success. The first FA Cup after the war saw Athletic lose in the final 1-4 to Derby after extra-time, in front of 98,215 people. A year later Charlton beat Burnley 1-0 after extra-time to take their first FA Cup.

Charlton remained in Division One, but it was not until 1953 that they came close to the title again, even then they finished fifth, five points away from the top. The next season they recorded their largest win, 8-1 over

Middlesbrough. In the 1956 FA Cup Charlton defeated Burton Albion 7-0. In 1957 Charlton only managed three away points from a possible 42, and eleven losses at home saw them finish last. They missed out on promotion a year later by a point. That 1957/58 season saw the club score a club record 107 goals.

In 1959 Charlton lost to Aston Villa 1-11. Yet through the 1950s and 60s Charlton remained in Division Two. During this time they made two appearances in the League Cup fourth round, in 1963 and 1965. They repeated these performances in 1979 and 1987, but have not made any further in that competition.

In 1971 the side missed out on relegation by three points, but the following season were relegated. They finished only a point away from safety. By coming third in Division Three in 1975 the side returned to Division Two. However, in 1980 the Addicks came last in

LEAGUE HONOURS

NICKNAME: Addicks, Robins.

HONOURS: Division Three South: 1928/29, 1934/35
FA Cup: 1947

GROUND: The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton, London, SE7 8BL.

Division Two, not winning an away game all season, and were relegated for one season because in 1980/81 they finished third to win promotion on the first attempt. In 1983 the club were put into receivership and were saved just 25 minutes before the football League's deadline.

In 1986 Charlton came second and so won promotion back to Division One. Early that season the match against Stoke was to be Athletic's last at the Valley for some years, many thought forever. The club moved to Selhurst Park and then Upton Park, as attendances at the Valley had dwindled. Lennie Lawrence's men fought valiantly against the drop for four seasons, finally succumbing in 1990.

They have remained in Division Two (now called

Division One) since, but in December of 1992 the Valley was re-opened for Charlton Athletic.

Charlton have a rarity in the fact that two people work as a team as co-managers of Charlton at the moment. In 1993/94 Charlton made the quarter finals of the FA Cup.

Between 1934 and 1956 Sam Bartram appeared for the club 626 times. The Valley these days holds an all-seater capacity of 14,950 people. If Charlton could consolidate on the good starts they seem to have, then promotion for this London club can not be too far off, and this will benefit the club's limited finances.

Hopefully they will continue to find good players to replace the ones they have to sell to make ends meet.

POSTCARD FROM LEICESTER CITY

From Page 31

SJ: What are Leicester's prospects next year?

MH: Consolidation with a settled squad. We need some more quality players. A number of players will leave the club in the summer and a number will come in. What players come in will determine how good we are next year but we're hopeful of getting the quality players we want.

SJ: You have had a number of players already leave, is that a sign you're stamping your own mark on the club?

MH: When we came we had 35 professional players but in all those players we could not put out a good Premiership side.

SJ: Will you look to buy Premiership players?

MH: That will be determined by what money there is available and how much they cost but certainly that is what we are looking at. We are also looking for younger players that we can mould into the players we want, full of skill and ability that



Mick Hickman

we can refine. That is what our management team is known for, it's something I always did even in Australia and it's something we will try and achieve here. European

players are even an option and some players have been " earmarked".

SJ: Looking five years ahead, where will English football be?

MH: All the indications are that there will be two "Premiership divisions" and I think it will come. Now it is a business, financial rewards are astronomical and the money generated in the Premiership is mind boggling! We, by dropping out of the Premier league, lose \$5.15 million approx. straight away just on TV rights and prizemoney. There is a great support base at Leicester so it will not be too hard on us.

However, there is a need for this club to be in with the "elite clubs" with the great support it has.

SJ: Finally, if David Hill rang you up and asked what things could help the

Australian game, what would you tell him, what things keep this club going that might help an Australian club side?

MH: The commercial side! It generates so much money, the facilities we have here and the professional way the club is run. The key is the money that can be generated that can be put back into the game itself, into the playing side. We need full-time professional football in Australia. They certainly have the style of football and the players there. The amount of "Aussies" playing in Europe is a credit to the game. If we want full-time and could keep these players in Australia the game would just take-off. Australia would be a world force to be reckoned with, no doubt about it!

So for the summer Mike will be coming home to Sydney to enjoy the break and watch his son play for Warringah before returning to Leicester for the pre-season training. We at the UKSSD wish him the very best of luck. (Thanks to Stuart and Mick for the interview. Micky).



Andrew Bernal: Aussie doing it solidly in England.

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